

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION
COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: RALPH ABERNATHY

PART 1 OF 5

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE

CORRELATION SUMMARY

Classified by 
Declassify on: OADR
7-10-92
334,459

6c Main File No: NEW 157-399

Date: 7/13/61

Subject: Ralph D. ⁶Abernathy

Date Searched: 5/31/61

Searched And Identical References Found As:

6
Ralph D. Abernathy ✓
One Abernathy ✓
R. D. Abernathy ✓
R. O. Abernathy ✓
Ralph Abernathy ✓
Ralph B. Abernathy ✓

5
Ralph C. Abernathy ✓
Ralph David Abernathy ✓
Ralph O. Abernathy ✓
Ralph Abernathy ✓
Ralph D. Abernathy ✓

Also Searched And No Identical References Found As:

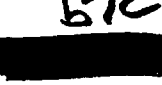
R. Abernathy ✓
R. A. Abernathy ✓
R. W. Abernathy ✓

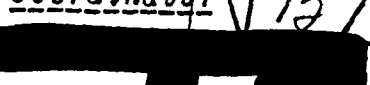
R. Abernathy ✓
R. O. Abernathy ✓

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed, or those determined to contain the same information as the main file.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. In many cases the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

THIS SUMMARY HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

Analyst 
67c 

Coordinator 
67c REC 

100-442706-X
157-399-Approved

MCT

JUL 14 1961

ENCLOSURE BEHIND FILE-
SEARCH SLIPS ONLY

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

cc to Mobile
Atlanta
Birmingham

67c
JUL 21 1961

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Inasmuch as no main file was available on Ralph D. Abernathy, extensive background information could not be obtained. Included among the data which was determined were the following facts: Negro; born 3-11-26, Linden, Ala.; instructor at Alabama State College, Montgomery, Ala. (no date); 1957 residence, 1327 S. Hall St., Montgomery; minister, First Baptist Church (Negro), 347 Ripley St., Montgomery, 1955-1961; and leader in the NAACP in 1956, the SCLC from 1958-1959, and the MIA from 1956-1961.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ABBREVIATIONS

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Add. info.....Additional information appearing
in this reference which pertains
to Ralph D. Abernathy may be found
elsewhere in this summary.

MIA.....Montgomery Improvement Association

SCLC.....Southern Christian Leadership
Conference

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

67C
67D
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[REDACTED] (protect identity), who were believed to be reliable, furnished what they believed to be the membership list of the Southern Negro Youth Congress. Listed thereon was the name of Mr. Ralph Abernathy, State Teachers College, Montgomery, Ala. (Date not given)

BH rpt. 5-4-48 (BH 100-82;
AT 100-556;
MO 100-46)

Re: Southern Negro Youth Congress
IS-C
100-6548-337 p.43
(9) ✓

The 9-8-58 issue of the 7th Blue Final edition of the "NY Post", page M2, featured Part I of an article captioned, "The Story of Martin Luther King", excerpted from the publication, "Stride Toward Freedom", by King, to be published the following week by Harper & Brothers.

The article stated that on 12-1-55, Mrs. Rosa Parks, a Negro who was formerly secretary for the Montgomery, Ala., NAACP, was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white male. The article related that on 12-2-55, E. D. Nixon (the signer of Mrs. Parks' bond) contacted King concerning this situation and suggested a bus boycott. At that time, Nixon had only discussed the idea with Rev. Ralph Abernathy, the young minister of Montgomery's First Baptist Church who was to become one of King's closest associates. Abernathy agreed on the idea.

Subsequently, according to the article, these 3 individuals were in contact telephonically to formulate plans for a meeting that evening of all ministers and civic leaders for their opinions.

100-135-61-A "NY Post" 9-8-58
(9) ✓

On 9-10-58, the 7th Blue Final edition of the "NY Post", page M2, carried Part III of "The Story of Martin Luther King" referred to above.

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The article concerned the first instance where a Negro had been convicted for disobeying the segregation law. This caused a meeting of several Negro leaders on 12/5/55. Shortly prior to the meeting, Ralph Abernathy held a discussion with E. D. Nixon and Rev. E. D. French whereby they suggested an ad hoc organization. At the meeting, the group responded enthusiastically to this suggestion and subsequently, the organization was formed with King elected as president. Abernathy offered the name MIA which was adopted and it was agreed that the protest should continue until certain demands were met, that a committee under the chairmanship of Abernathy would draw up these demands and present them to the mass meeting for approval.

The article continued that the mass meeting was held that evening and Abernathy read the resolution (set out) which was adopted.

100-135-61-A "NY Post" 9-10-58

(9)✓

SI 100-135-61-A "Pittsburgh Courier"
(8)✓ 11-9-57, NY edition

A news article in the "Alabama Journal", Montgomery, Ala., on 1-9-56 related that a top-level meeting on the bus boycott was scheduled at City Hall in Montgomery for that afternoon and that the City Commission and Negro leaders would meet and discuss the "seating arrangement." Negro delegates were expected to include Rev. R. D. Abernathy, pastor of the First Baptist Church (Negro).

MO letter 1-16-56 (MO 44-00-A)

Re: Racial Situation, Montgomery, Ala.

100-135-61-9 p.1

(15)✓

On 2-22-56

Sc [REDACTED] advised that the Montgomery County Grand Jury returned eleven true bills on 2-21-56 charging 115 defendants with violation of the Alabama boycott law. He stated that arrests began on 2-22-56 and that Rev. R. D. Abernathy was among those arrested thus far.

MO teletype 2-22-56

RE: Racial Situation, Montgomery, Ala.

100-135-61-29

(15)✓

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

b7c
b7D On March 3 and 4, 1956, [REDACTED] (protect identity), who was in a position to furnish reliable information, made available announced agenda for the main assembly of the Delegate Assembly for Civil Rights (DACR) on March 4-6, 1956. The program for 3-4-56 set out the locality of the meeting as the Interdepartmental Auditorium, Labor Department, Constitution Ave., Washington, D.C. The program also listed Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy as one of the witnesses at that session.

The agenda described Abernathy as one of the indicted leaders in the Montgomery bus protest.

It was noted that the DACR was also known as the March on Washington.

WFO rpt. 5-16-58
RE: Cominfil NAACP
IS-C
61-3176-1553 p.15, 16
(2)✓

b1 In reference to above, (c) [REDACTED] (protect identity) advised that he attended this meeting on 3-4-56 at which several individuals, including Rev. Abernathy, described their experience in various parts of the South. (Not further explained)

b7D [REDACTED]

BA letter 3-15-56
Re: Cominfil NAACP
IS-C
61-3176-1406 p.6, 8
(12)✓

b2
b7D SI par. 1 above
61-3176-1444 p.1 [REDACTED]
(15)✓ speech concerned Montgomery, Ala. bus boycott) (CC to MO)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The 3-5-56 issue of the "Washington Post and Times Herald" contained certain comments of Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy concerning the Negro boycott against the city bus lines in Montgomery. Abernathy mentioned two cases, one in which a Negro soldier was killed and another where a young Negro girl was jailed. (Details set out)

The Bureau cited the cases to which Abernathy possibly was referring. (Details set out)

Bureau memo 3-6-56
Civil Rights Assembly
Washington, D.C.
61-3176-1372
(2)✓
SI 61-3176-1385
(2)✓

Rev. Abernathy was registered at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C., for attendance at the NAACP conference in Washington on March 3-6, 1956. (Unidentified source)

WFO letter 3-23-56
Re: Cominfil NAACP
IS-C
61-3176-1424 p.1
(12)✓

b1
A penciled notation thereon indicated that

(a)

100-135-61-124
(14)✓
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SI par. 1 above
100-3-25-1941 p.60 (tentative
(4) ✓ speaker; press release issued
by NAACP furnished by [REDACTED]

b7c
b7D

(protect identity), who had
furnished reliable information
in the past)

On 5-3-56 [REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED] advised that he knew of no "secret" meet-
ings of the NAACP in Montgomery. He stated that he was not a member of
the NAACP. [REDACTED]

MO letter 5-10-56 (MO 44-439;
cc to BH)

Re: Racial Situation
Information Concerning
100-135-361 p.3
(8) ✓

b7c [REDACTED] WFBR Radio Station, Baltimore, Md.,
furnished a letter received by that station advising of a rally of the
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights on 5-15-56 at the Seafarer's Union
Hall, 1216 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore. The topics were listed as
"Alabama Story" and "Labor's Role in Civil Rights" and UAW* Rev.
Abernathy, bus boycott leader, Montgomery, was listed as one of the
speakers.

b1 [REDACTED] (c) advised that Rev. Ralph Abernathy was the principal
speaker at the above meeting during which time he discussed the bus
boycott in Alabama.

Above letter enclosed
BA letter 8-17-56
Re: Leadership Conference on Civil
Rights

IS-C
100-424082-1

(10) ✓ (a) [REDACTED]
SI 100-374343-8 p.5
(13) ✓

b1

*United Automobile Workers

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

On 10-28-56, the "Montgomery Advertiser", Montgomery, Ala., set out an article on page 1 entitled, "MIA Reportedly Halting Operation of Car Pool", by Bob Murphy. The article stated that the group which had been directing the ten-month-old bus boycott had ordered Negro churches to halt station wagon transportation in order to sidestep possible legal action by the city. The article stated that reported boycott and car pool organizers were "out of town", that Rev. M. L. King, Rev. Ralph Abernathy and Negro Attorney Fred Gray were not available.

Above article enclosed
MO airtel 10-29-56 (MO 44-439,
105-247, 105-17)
Re: Racial Situation, Montgomery,
Ala.
100-135-61-247 encl. p.3
(8)✓

The 12-10-56 issue of the "DW", page 1, carried an article datelined Montgomery, 12-9-56, captioned, "8,000 Vow End to Alabama Bus Bias", by Lester Rodney. According to the article, a tremendous public meeting was held at the First Baptist Church climaxing Montgomery's week-long historic Institute on School Citizenship. Rev. Ralph B. Abernathy, one of the leading figures in the bus boycott, spoke to the group, emphasizing discrimination against their people.

100-135-61-A "DW" 12-10-56
(14)✓

The 7th blue final edition of the "NY Post" dated 9-14-58 featured on page M2 the last part of a six-part series by Martin Luther King, Jr., captioned, "The Story of Martin Luther King." This was excerpted from the book, "Stride Toward Freedom", by King, which was to be published the following week by Harper & Brothers.

The article indicated that in February, 1956, a Montgomery County Grand Jury found the bus boycott illegal and indicted more than 100 persons, including King. King stated that on the way, Ralph Abernathy informed him how people had rushed down to get arrested the previous day, that many were disappointed because they were not arrested.

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

According to the article, Abernathy was among those who joined King in riding the first integrated bus in Montgomery on 12-21-56.

100-135-61-A "NY Post" 9-14-58

(9) ✓

SI par. 1 and 3 above

100-135-61-A "Miami Daily News"

(4) ✓

12-21-56

(favorable comments of Abernathy regarding the bus ride set out)

SI par. 1 and 3 above

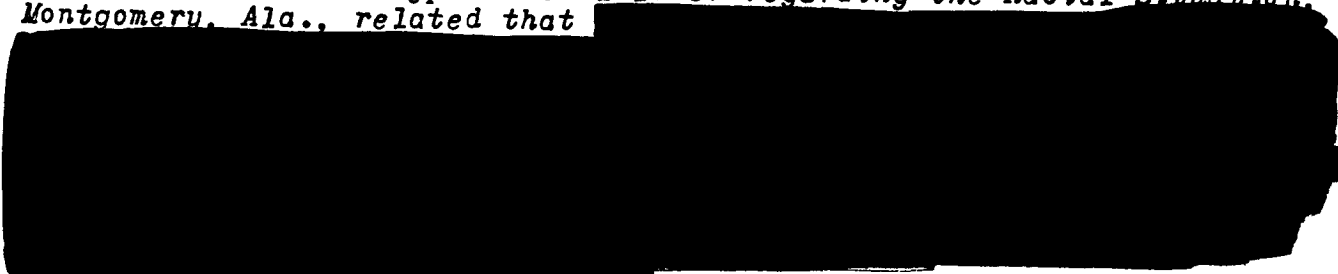
44-11124-A "Washington Star" 12-21-56

(1) ✓

(favorable comments of Abernathy regarding the bus ride set out)

An MO teletype dated 1-10-57 regarding the Racial Situation, Montgomery, Ala., related that

b7c
b7D



By letter to the AG on 1-11-57, the Bureau furnished the above information.

Serial described above

100-135-61-312

(14) ✓

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

A letterhead memo set out the following information:

Articles from various newspapers in Montgomery reported several bombings there on 1-10-57, including the home of Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, 1327 S. Hall St., and his church, First Baptist Church, Columbus and Ripley Streets.

b7c
b7D
[REDACTED] Montgomery PD, advised that several individuals had been arrested on 1-27-57 in connection with the above bombings, including Henry S. Alexander and James D. York.

b2
b7c
b7D
[REDACTED]
It was noted that charges against these two were dropped on 11-26-57.

Above letterhead memo enclosed
MO letter 11-14-58 (MO 62-723)
Re: Bombings and Attempted Bombings
Racial Matters
157-1-61-9 encl. p.1-3
(6)✓
SI 62-105023-669 p.1,2,5
(4)✓(MO 62-721; AT 62-1670)
SI par. 1 above
100-135-61-329 [REDACTED]
(14)✓
SI par. 1 above
100-135-61-485 p.9 ("Alabama Journal"
(8)✓ 1-10-57)
(BH 100-3080; MO 100-1342)
SI par. 1 above
44-11124-A "Washington Star" 1-10-57
(1)✓(Abernathy reportedly visiting
in Atlanta, Ga., during bombing)
SI par. 1 above
44-11124-67 ("The Mobile Press"
(1)✓(MO 44-439) 1-10-57)

b7D

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The 1-28-57 issue of the "Alabama Journal", Montgomery, contained an article on page 1, captioned, "Shots, Bombs Add To Racial Tension", by Hy Brown. The article mentioned several bombings which had increased racial tension, among them the 1-10-57 bombing which damaged the home of Rev. R. D. Abernathy.

Above article enclosed
MO letter 1-29-57 (MO 44-439)
Re: Racial Situation, Montgomery,
Ala.
100-135-61-362 encl. p.2
(15)✓

67C On 2-6-57, [REDACTED]
67D of the Montgomery, Ala., PD, furnished details concerning the bombing
of Rev. Ralph Abernathy's home on Hall St. on 1-10-47. (Set out)

([REDACTED] (protect identity), who had furnished reliable information in the past, made available a leaflet on 2-6-57 captioned, "Draft Dodger NAACP Troublemaker." The leaflet contained a photograph of Fred Gray, a Negro attorney for MIA at Montgomery, and stated that the Negroes were losing jobs and relief was limited. It further stated, "Many believe it's a communist inspired plot being led by King, Abernathy, Graetz, Nixon and Gray. They ride high, eat good, stay warm and pilfer the funds. We walk and suffer in many ways. Let's run these five out of the state before we all have to leave."

MO rpt. 2-20-57 (MO 105-17, AT 61-56,
BH 65-398)

Re: US Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux
Klan known in Alabama as US
Klans of Alabama, Knights of the
Ku Klux Klan

IS-X
100-7801-2855 p.7, 14
(9)✓

62
67D [REDACTED] advised that on 3-1-57, the regularly scheduled class of instruction on Stalinism and Leninism was canceled as the Philadelphia branch of the SWP desired to support a meeting of the "Walk to Freedom Association" being held on the same date at the Berian Presbyterian

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Church, Broad and Diamond Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. According to source, the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy was speaking at the above meeting under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee.

PH rpt. 6-6-57
Re: SWP - Philadelphia Division
IS-SWP
100-16-38-310 p.24
(4)✓

In reference to above, [REDACTED]

b2
b7C
b7D

PH rpt. 1-16-58
Re: [REDACTED]
SM-SWP
100-362890-23 p.10
(5)✓

A letterhead memo related that [REDACTED]

It was noted that John Blue Hill was the attorney who had been retained to represent members of Klavern #23 who had been indicted in Montgomery for the bombings there on 1-10-57 and 1-27-57.

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

60 [REDACTED]

Above letterhead memo enclosed
MO letter 3-15-57 (MO 44-439)
Re: Racial Situation, Montgomery,
Ala.
100-135-61-391
(8)✓

An anonymous source, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, made available a four-page printed form dated 4-5-57, Washington, D.C., entitled, "Call to a Prayer Pilgrimage for freedom." The back page set out the following:

"For information write to:

"Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom

"Rev. Thomas Kilgore, Jr.
National Director
20 W. 40th St.
New York 18, NY

or. Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy
South Director
First Baptist Church
347 Ripley Street
Montgomery, Alabama"

Informant reported that the pilgrimage was to be held 5-17-57 and was co-sponsored by the NAACP.

WFO rpt. 11-27-57
Re: Cominfil NAACP, Washington Field
Division

IS-C
61-3176-2205 p.10

(2)✓
SI 62-101087-371 ("The Birmingham
(2)✓ (BH 62-1883) News" 5-12-57;
Abernathy announced that goal
of 6300 persons set in South to
attend pilgrimage)

(SI's continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SI 62-101087-379 encl. p.2 ("The Black
(7) ✓ Dispatch", Oklahoma City, Okla.,
4-19-57)
SI 62-101087-A "The Worker" 4-21-57
(2) ✓
SI 62-101087-295 ("Carolina Times"
(7) ✓ 5-4-57, Durham, N.C.)
SI 62-101087-A "Pittsburgh Courier"
(14) ✓ 5-18-57, NY edition

The 5-10-57 issue of the Minneapolis Spokesman", Minneapolis, Minn. weekly newspaper, reported that on 5-2-57, the St. Paul branch of the NAACP held a meeting at a local church featuring Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, Montgomery, as a guest speaker. Rev. Abernathy, Southern Regional Director for organizing the mass prayer pilgrimage scheduled at Washington, D.C., on 5-17-57, indicated that 50,000 Negroes would participate in this affair to show unity in the struggle for equal rights.

MP rpt. 11-16-57
Re: Cominfil NAACP - Minneapolis
Division
IS-C
61-3176-2165 p.9
(2) ✓

The 5-21-57 issue of "The Tallahassee Democrat", Tallahassee, Florida, carried an article captioned, "Negroes Plan Meetings Here." The article reported that the Negro Inter-Civil Council announced plans for a week long observance starting on Sunday on the first anniversary of their Tallahassee bus integration movement. Rev. Ralph Abernathy, vice president of MIA was scheduled to speak on Tuesday (exact place not given).

Above article enclosed
MO letter 5-23-57 (MO 100-1361)
Re: Racial Situation, Tallahassee,
Fla.
100-135-61-399
(8) ✓

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

On 5-28-57, the "Washington Star", Washington, D.C., page A10, contained an article entitled, "Racial Bomb 'Confession' Fought in Alabama Trial", datelined Montgomery, 5-28-57. The article concerned the trial and indictment of the individuals involved with the dynamiting of Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy's home on 1-10-57.

100-135-61-A "Washington Star"

(4) ✓ 5-28-57

SI 100-135-61-A "NY Post" 5-27-57

(4) ✓

SI 100-135-61-A "Washington Star"

(5) ✓ 5-30-57

A Washington City News Service release on 6-13-57 disclosed that Rev. Martin Luther King, president of MIA, and Rev. Ralph Abernathy, member of the MIA executive board, met with Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell and Vice President Richard M. Nixon in the latter's office.* The purpose of the meeting was to urge stronger administration leadership in the civil rights cause. Nixon agreed to come South with President Eisenhower's Committee on Government Contracts to speak on civil rights. King stated his belief that the President could do more than he had done and subsequently suggested a later meeting with the President to which the Vice President responded favorably.

62-101087-A "Washington City News
(7) ✓ Service" 6-13-57

*Evidently on 6-13-57

The "DW" dated 5-21-57 set out an article on page 5 headed, "Nat. NAACP Convention To Be Here June 25-30", and datelined Detroit, Mich. The article reported that Rev. Abernathy and many of the heroic figures of the fight to end segregation in the South would attend this convention.

61-3176-A "DW" 5-21-57
(12) ✓

61
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(C)

(continued on next page)

62
67D>

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

 reported that on 10-29-57, a public meeting was held at the Park Central Presbyterian Church, Syracuse, under the auspices of the AFSC and described as sponsored locally by a committee called together by the SPC. The meeting presented Rev. Ralph Abernathy, described as vice president of the MIA, which coordinated the protest against discrimination on buses in Montgomery - "without violence." Abernathy spoke on "Can We Have Integration Without Violence" at a dinner meeting and on "Problems and Concerns of Integration in Syracuse" at a meeting following the dinner. The entire scope of his presentation revolved around how Montgomery had solved certain racial problems. He stressed the fact that his campaign against discrimination had been carried on without violence and set up a comparison with how racial problems had been treated in Little Rock, Ark. NY

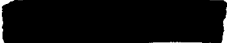
AL rpt. 2-28-58

Re: Cominfil NY State Peace Council
IS-C

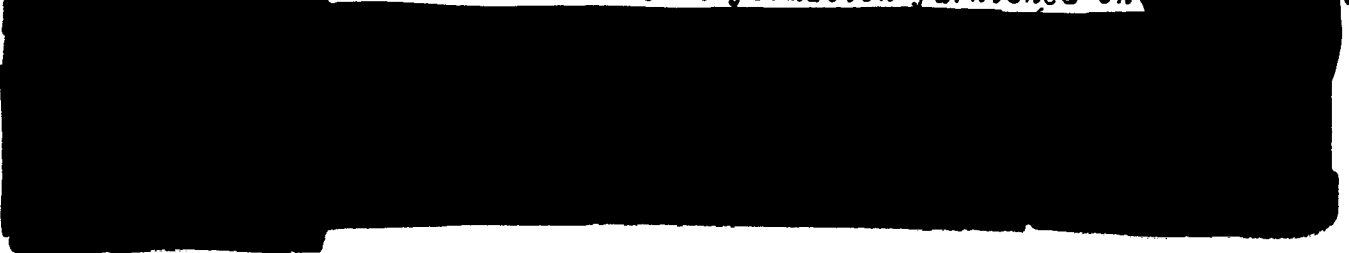
100-419683-21 p.11-13

(9)✓

62
67D> SI par 2 above

100-373454-21 p.7 

(9)✓

(
67C
67D
A letterhead memo contained information furnished on 


Above letterhead memo enclosed

MO letter 12-31-57 (MO 44-439)

Re: Racial Situation, Montgomery,
Ala.

62-101087-5-26 encl. p.2

(7)✓

SI 62-101087-5-19 p.2

(7)✓

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

On 12-21-57, the NY edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier" featured an article on page 6 of the magazine section, columns 1-5, by Trezzvant W. Anderson, entitled, "How Has Dramatic Bus Boycott Affected Montgomery Negroes?" The article was datelined Montgomery and reported that Arthur G. Gaston, a Birmingham business leader, proposed that Montgomery Negroes organize a credit union immediately, and he thereby offered his assistance. Gaston disclosed that MIA vice president, Rev. Ralph Abernathy, had been unable to get a loan in Montgomery to repair his bombed church. Abernathy made an application to Gaston in Birmingham and a \$25,000 loan to repair the church had been approved.

100-135-61-A "Pittsburgh Courier"
(8)✓ 12-21-57, NY edition

On 1-21-58, the "Birmingham Post-Herald", Birmingham, Ala., featured an article on the front page of the final edition by Clarke Stallworth entitled, "71 Are Called For Tuskegee Boycott Probe. The article, datelined Montgomery, 1-20-58, related that 71 witnesses, including top Negro leaders from Birmingham and Montgomery, had been subpoenaed by AG Patterson to appear at a boycott hearing in Tuskegee, Ala., on 1-22-58. Listed among these was Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, vice president of MIA and right hand man of Rev. Martin Luther King, Negro minister who led the Montgomery bus boycott and who was president of MIA.

The article stated that in the hearing, Negro attorneys were asking for the removal of a temporary injunction on the Tuskegee Civic Association for an alleged boycott of white stores in Tuskegee.

The article continued that Patterson did not indicate why he called the Negro leaders to the hearing.

62-101087-5-A "Birmingham Post-
(3)✓ Herald" 1-21-58

The 1-26-58 edition of the "NY Post" carried an article captioned, "Ala. Negroes Back Pastor's Fight on Arrest", datelined Montgomery, 1-25-58. The article stated that Negro leaders, including Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, pastor of the First Baptist Church, had pledged full moral and financial support on that date to a young Baptist minister, Rev. Moses Pleasure, who was arrested and fined for refusing to give up his seat in a taxi beside a white woman.

62-101087-5-A "NY Post" 1-26-58
(3)✓

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

67C
67D> A letterhead memo set out the following information:

[REDACTED]
(protect identity), who had furnished reliable information in the past, advised that during the period of January and February, 1958, a conservative faction in MIA, principally led by Rev. Graetz, took control of that organization. Informant stated that as a result, a new position, chairman of the board, was created, and Rev. Ralph Abernathy was elected to fill it. Although Abernathy was not considered a conservative, he did not attempt to dominate board meetings as did Martin Luther King; therefore Abernathy's election strengthened the conservatives' position.

Above letterhead memo enclosed
MO letter 3-7-58 (MO 44-439, [REDACTED])

62
67D Re: Racial Situation, Montgomery, Ala.
100-135-61-475 encl. p.1

(8)✓
SI 105-43132-43 p.2 (elected 1/19/58)
(10)✓(MO 105-233, 105-121, [REDACTED])

The 3-21-58 edition of "The State", Columbia, S.C., carried an article on page 8B captioned, "Negroes Open Conference on Non-Violence." This item reported that a two-day conference of Negro clergymen and laymen began on 3-20-58 in Columbia to explore ways to discuss a "non-violent" program of desegregation with a leader of the Montgomery bus boycott, Ralph Abernathy, scheduled to be one of the main speakers.

62-101087-43-A "The State" 3/21/58,
(8)✓ Columbia, S.C.
SI 62-101087-43-A "The State" 3-14-58,
(16)✓ Columbia, S.C.) (meeting
sponsored by the Inter-Denom-
inational Ministerial Alliance
and other Negro organizations)

62
67D> On 6-2-58, [REDACTED] furnished a pamphlet entitled, "New York State Peace Council Program Resource Guide." The pamphlet listed resource materials for individual or group use such as film, tape

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

recordings, etc. and also listed speakers and discussion leaders prepared to talk to or with church and community groups. The name of Ralph Abernathy appeared on a list found to be available on tape recordings.

AL rpt. 9-2-58
Re: Cominfil NY State Peace Council
IS-C
100-419683-30 p.5
(10)✓

The "Pittsburgh Courier", dated 9-6-58, set forth an article on page 3, columns 1-5, headed, "Sadistic Police Kick, Jail and Charge Rev. Martin L. King With 'Loitering'", datelined Montgomery. The article indicated that King, president of MIA, was arrested on Wednesday for loitering around City Hall. King had gone to the courthouse with his wife and Rev. and Mrs. Ralph D. Abernathy to hear proceedings against one Edward Davis. According to the article, Davis entered Abernathy's office the previous Friday armed and demanded that the minister "confess" that he had been friendly with Mrs. Davis before she was married. Abernathy rejected the demand, escaped from his office and swore out a warrant.

The article further quoted King in describing his arrest. King stated that he believed the attacks on Abernathy and him were attempts to discredit their leadership and the MIA.

100-135-61-A "Pittsburgh Courier"
(5)✓ 9-6-58
SI par. 1 above
100-135-61-A "The Mobile Press"
(5)✓(MO 44-439) 9-3-58
SI par. 1 above
100-135-61-A "Washington Star"
(5)✓ 9-3-58

Information regarding the above attack was also set out in an article entitled, "Alabama Negro Leader Arrested as Loiterer", datelined Montgomery, 9-4-58, appearing in the 9-4-58 issue of the "Washington Star", Washington, D.C., on page A6.

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The article further noted that Martin Luther King, Jr. and Ralph D. Abernathy had worked together in their battle against racial barriers and both were leaders in the MIA - King, President, and Abernathy, Vice-President - which was formed at the outset of the bus boycott in Montgomery two years previously.

100-135-4-A "Washington Star"
(4)✓ 9-4-58

On 8-26-58, "The Mobile Register", Mobile, Ala., featured an article captioned, "Montgomery Negroes Ask Parks' Use", datelined Montgomery. This item disclosed that a group of 48 Montgomery Negroes, including Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, had petitioned the city to open to Negroes all city parks restricted to whites.

62-101087-5-A "The Mobile Register"
(3)✓(MO 44-439) 8-26-58

In reference to above, the NY edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier" dated 9-6-58 contained an article on page 19, columns 1 and 2, entitled, "Montgomery Group Eyes City's Parks", which was datelined Montgomery. The article revealed that the park petition signed by Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, among others, was rejected by both the Montgomery City Commission and the Park and Recreation Board.

62-101087-5-A "Pittsburgh Courier"
(14)✓ 9-6-58, NY edition

A Washington Capital News Service release datelined NY on 9-21-58 indicated that Rev. Martin Luther King was on the critical list at Harlem Hospital after being stabbed in the chest by a Negro woman who stated King was mixed up with communists. The release reported that he had received a group of visitors, including Rev. Ralph Abernathy, his assistant in leading the MIA integration fight.

100-135-61-A "Washington Capital
(9)✓ News Service" 9-21-58

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

"The Charlotte Observer", Charlotte, N.C., dated 9-24-58 set out an article entitled, "Negro Leader Urges Racial Goodwill", by L. M. Wright, Jr. According to the article, Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy spoke to several hundred persons at a mass meeting held on the previous Tuesday in Park Center, Charlotte, sponsored by the NAACP.

The article identified Abernathy as a leading advocate of passive resistance and nonviolence for Negroes in the South. His speech ranged over many of the problems on the Southern and national racial scene. (Excerpts of speech set out)

62-101087-5-A "The Charlotte
(3) ✓ Observer" 9-24-58

According to a letterhead memo, the "Journal and Guide", a Negro weekly newspaper published at Norfolk, Va., dated 10-4-58, set out an article entitled, "Mass Meeting for Human Rights." The article stated that a determination to continue the struggle for complete freedom from racial segregation and discrimination was voiced by speakers at a public mass meeting held on 10-1-58 at the Norfolk Municipal Arena under the auspices of the SCLC.

The article indicated that the highlight of the meeting was a message from Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., president of SCLC, who was convalescing in a Harlem hospital. The message was delivered by Rev. R. D. Abernathy who was vice president of the SCLC.

Above letterhead memo enclosed
NF letter 10-4-58 (cc to AT)
Re: Racial Situation, State of
Virginia (Norfolk Division)
62-101087-49-113 encl. p.2
(15) ✓
SI 62-101087-49-109 encl. p.1
(15) ✓ (CC to AT) ("Virginian - Pilot"
9-28-58; potential speaker)

(c)  protect identity),
who had furnished reliable information in the past, reported that Ralph
D. Abernathy lectured on 10-10-58 at the First Unitarian Church of Los

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

April 3, 1959. Eighth St. under the auspices of the Unitarian Public Forum. His topic was "The High Cost of Segregation." (Brief comments set out)

LA rpt. 6-4-59

Re: Cominfil First Unitarian Church
of Los Angeles, 2936 West Eighth
St., Los Angeles, Calif.

IS-C

100-411310-42 p.31

(5/9)✓

The 10-15-58 issue of "The Montgomery Advertiser" carried an article captioned, "Montgomery Negro Leaders Deplore Atlanta Bombing." The article stated that on Wednesday (place not given) Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, chairman of the executive board of MIA, was among those protesting the bombing of the Atlanta synagogue. According to Abernathy, the recent violence was "but a part of the process through which God may be seeking to purge America's soul." Abernathy stated that he spoke not only for himself but for 1200 Montgomery Negroes who joined in a prayer service on Monday night to deplore the dynamiting.

Above article enclosed

MO letter 10-16-58 (MO 62-721, 44-439)

Re: Unsubs; Bombing of the Jewish
Temple, 1589 Peachtree Rd., N.W.,
Atlanta, Ga., 10-12-58

Information Concerning

62-105023-323 encl. p.1

(4)✓

On 6-25-59, the "Daily Defender", Chicago, Ill., carried an article on page 4, column 3, by Hattie House entitled, "Freedom Rally To Bring Top Men To Metropolitan Church For Talks." The article indicated that a "Freedom Rally" would be held the following Thursday at Metropolitan Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. The rally was part of a south-wide campaign headed by the SCLC to register an estimated three million Negroes to vote in the eleven deep Southern states by 1960.

According to this article, the program for the event featured four exponents of civil rights besides Dr. M. L. King, one of them being Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy.

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The article identified Abernathy as a former instructor at Alabama State college; current pastor of the First Baptist Church in Montgomery; one of the directors of the famous bus boycott; chairman of the executive board of MIA; treasurer of SCLC; and associated with many other organizations.

100-427079-A "Daily Defender" 6-25-59

(5) ✓

SI 100-427079-1 "Pittsburgh Courier"
8-17-57, NY edition)

(5) ✓

The 7-25-59 issue of the "Washington Post and Times Herald", Washington, D.C., featured an article on page A-7 entitled, "Leaders Tell How to Fight Segregation", datelined Atlanta, Ga., 7-24-59. This article indicated that on 7-23-59 Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, outlined the actual process of nonviolent resistance to segregation on the second of a three-day conference at Spelman College, Atlanta.

62-101087-A "Washington Post and
(2) ✓ Times Herald" 7-25-59

The "Montgomery Advertiser", dated 12-4-59, contained an article on page 3C entitled, "King Pledges To File Suit On School Mixing", by Dick Hines. The article indicated that a mass meeting held on Thursday night was presided over by Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy. At this meeting, Abernathy was re-elected vice president of MIA and, according to the article, was expected to head the organization the following year.

100-135-61-A "Montgomery Advertiser"

(5) ✓ (MO-439) 12-4-59

SI 62-101087-5-72 encl.

(2) ✓ "Alabama Journal" 12-2-59

(potential) (MO 44-439; cc to AT)

SI 44-13490-61-15 encl. p.2

(2) ✓ (meeting held 12-3-59)

(MO 100-3080; cc to BH)

An article headed, "Additional Boycotts Asked in King's Farewell Address", by John Coombes, appeared on page 3A of the 2-2-60 edition of the "Montgomery Advertiser." This item disclosed that a

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

mass meeting was held at the First Baptist Church on Ripley St. on Monday night during which time Rev. Martin Luther King ceded the presidency of the MIA to the pastor of that church, Rev. Ralph D. Abernethy.

The article continued that in his inaugural speech, Abernethy warned against comparing him to King. He related that he would lead a dynamic crusade to increase and improve human relations in the city. He also indicated that the MIA would embark on a vigorous drive to increase its membership and would set up a legal defense service whereby the poor people could have protection against abusive policemen and courts.

Above article enclosed
MO letter 2-9-60 (MO 44-439,
MO 100-1472; cc to AT.
Re: Racial Situation, Montgomery, Ala.
Racial Matters
157-2-61-31
(6/16)✓

"The Birmingham News", Birmingham, Ala. dated 2-11-60, featured an article captioned, "Montgomery Negroes seek airport mixing", and datelined Montgomery, 2-11-60. The article stated that Solomon Seay, Jr. filed a complaint with the Civil Aeronautics Board on behalf of a Baltimore, Md. Negro minister and three Negro leaders in the pro-integration MIA, one of whom was Rev. Ralph D. Abernethy. The complaint was against segregation at Montgomery's municipal airport.

62-101087-5-A "The Birmingham
(16)✓ News" 2-11-60

b7c
b7D
MO teletype 2-25-60
Re: Negro Student Sit-Dwon Strikes
Racial Matters
62-101087-5-91
(8)✓

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ "Montgomery Advertiser" dated 2-27-60 set out an article captioned, "Negro Tells of Beating." The article stated that a Negro claiming to be a student at Alabama State College reported on Friday night that he had been beaten by two men he identified as city policemen. Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy reported that the Negro had appeared at his house on Friday night and had told him this story.

According to the article, reports from the doctors and the police indicated no evidence of a beating.

b7c

Above article enclosed
MO letter 3-4-60 (MO 44-0)

Re: Unsubs: [REDACTED] -
Victim

CR
44-0-2329 encl.
(1)✓

A letterhead memo indicated that on 3-5-60 the "Alabama Journal", daily newspaper published at Montgomery, carried a front page article announcing that a mass meeting was held at the Beulah Baptist Church on 3-4-60. According to the article, Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy spoke at this meeting and called for a mass prayer meeting at the State Capitol grounds on 3-6-60.

On 3-6-60, SA's observed a double line of Negroes at a church near the capitol surrounded by a large group of whites as the march to the capitol began. The Montgomery police intervened and no violence was noted.

Above letterhead memo enclosed
MO airtel 3-7-60 (MO 157-17, 157-12;
cc's to AT and BH)

Re: Negro Students Sit-Down Strikes,
Montgomery, Ala.

Racial Matters

62-101087-5-145 encl. p.2

(3)✓

SI 62-101087-5-125

(3)✓

SI 62-101087-5-121 (source not clear -
(3)✓ Negro column believed to have
been led by Rev. Ralph D.
Abernathy)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

According to a letterhead memo, the "Alabama Journal" dated 3-8-60 reported that students at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., were boycotting classes in a sympathy move. This activity was encouraged by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy who had addressed the students there (date not given).

Above letterhead memo enclosed
MO airtel 3-9-60 (MO 157-17, 100-1342)
Re: Negro Students Sit-Down Strikes,
Montgomery, Ala.
Racial Matters
62-101087-5-139 encl. p.2
(3)✓

b7c
b7D { A letterhead memo disclosed that [REDACTED] advised that he attended the large student gathering on the Alabama State College campus on 3-10-60 and heard nothing which confirmed the report that the students disassociated themselves from the "sitdown" or "protest" movement. On the contrary, he heard Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy tell the students to return to school and register for the spring term and to have no demonstrations over the holiday period of March 17 and 18, 1960, when the Alabama Educational Association met at Montgomery. Abernathy stated, however, that after said meeting, such strategy would be resumed.

Above letterhead memo enclosed
MO airtel 3-18-60 (MO 157-17)
Re: Negro Student Sitdown Strikes,
Montgomery, Alabama
Racial Matters
62-101087-5-172 encl. p.1
(3)✓

A letterhead memo set out the following:

The 2-27-60 issue of the "Alabama Journal" stated that about 300 students from Alabama State College for Negroes (ASCN), Montgomery, marched up Ripley St. to the First Baptist Church that day where Rev. R. D. Abernathy was pastor. The article also reported that a group of white men armed with baseball bats patrolled downtown Montgomery that day after a rally of the white men.

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

On 3-1-60; the "Montgomery Advertiser" reported that on 2-29-60 about 1000 students of ASCN held a mass meeting at the Hutchinson St. Baptist Church and held a second meeting that night at the Bethel Baptist Church. Rev. Abernathy urged Negroes to boycott downtown Montgomery merchants.

The 3-3-60 issue of the "Montgomery Advertiser" indicated that Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy had stated that MIA unanimously approved the pro-integration demonstrations being staged by the students at ASCN and denounced Montgomery police for permitting bat-carrying white men to walk Montgomery streets.

The 3-19-60 issue of the "Mobile Register" reported that on 3-18-60, a two-day workshop sponsored by the Alabama Civic Affairs Association at Mobile had opened at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, Negro minister from Montgomery, preached "non-violence" in racial matters at the opening session.

Add. info.

Above letterhead memo enclosed
MO letter 3-30-60 (MO 100-1460;
BH 100-3080)

Re: Racial Situation, Mobile Division
157-4-61-2 p.2, 5-7

(6/10/16)✓

SI par. 2 above

62-101087-5-93 (no source;

(8)✓ additional statements by
Abernathy set out)

SI par. 2 above

62-101087-5-112 encl. p.1

(2)✓ (Additional statements by
Abernathy set out)

62
67C
67D [REDACTED] (protect identity), who had
furnished reliable information in the past, stated that the 3-25-60
issue of "The Arkansawyer", monthly student publication of AM&N, con-
tained an article captioned, "USNSA Backs Sit-Down Demonstrators." The
article furnished information regarding the expulsion of nine students
from the Alabama State College because of their participation in a
sit-down demonstration at a courthouse lunch counter in Montgomery.

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The article was signed Donald A. Hoffman, president, US National Student Association (USNSA). The last paragraph stated as follows: "You can help by sending telegrams and letters of support and funds to the Alabama State College students in care of Mr. Bernard Lee, c/o Rev. Ralph Abernathy, First Baptist Church, 347 N. Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama."

LR rpt. 4-21-60
Re: Cominfil US National Student Association

IS-C

100-346566-659 p.2

(9)✓

SI 157-6-25-11 p.2 (MO-100-68)

(11)✓

SI 62-101087-5-188 encl.

(14)✓ ("Montgomery Advertiser"
3-29-60)

b7C
b7D [REDACTED] a highly confidential source (protect identity), who had furnished reliable information in the past, made available a copy of a 3-28-60 Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF) news release.

According to the release, a wire was sent to the President by community leaders in the South urging him to issue a firm statement in support of Southern Negroes in their struggle for constitutional rights. They urged that the statement be issued prior to 3-29-60 when the UN Security Council was scheduled to meet on recent police action against Negroes in the Union of South Africa. One of the signers of this message was Rev. Ralph O. Abernathy.

NO rpt. 4-22-60 (AT 100-301;
BH 100-81; MO 100-37)

Re: Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc.

IS-C, ISA-1950

100-10355-896 p.17

(14)✓

SI 100-10355-924 p.22 ("The Southern Patriot" May, 1960 - official publication of SCEF)

(AT 100-301; BH 100-81;
MO 100-37)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

According to a letterhead memo, an article appearing in the 4-9-60 issue of the "Carolina Times", a Durham, N.C. newspaper, reported that Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy was among a list of outstanding leaders scheduled to appear in Raleigh on 4-16-60 at a mass meeting for students arrested in sit-down demonstrations.

The article stated that the announcement was made by John W. Fleming, chairman of the Sponsoring Raleigh Citizens Association. The purpose of the meeting was to help raise funds for appeals for some 43 Shaw University and St. Augustine College* students who were convicted of trespassing during demonstrations protesting segregation at downtown store lunch counters.

Above letterhead memo enclosed
CE letter 4-26-60 (cc's to AT, BH,
and MO)

Re: Negro Student Sit-Down
Demonstrations
Racial Matters
157-6-8-5 encl. p.1
(6)✓

*Both located in Raleigh, N.C.

The NY edition of "The Pittsburgh Courier", dated 4-23-60, featured an article by Trezzvant W. Anderson entitled, "'Race Situation Tense In Montgomery' - King." The article, datelined Atlanta, Ga., indicated that there were no lines of communication between the two sides on the racial situation in Montgomery; the segregationists on one side headed by Gov. John Patterson and his white supremacy crowd and the Martin Luther King forces headed by Rev. Ralph Abernathy. The article reported that such conditions had created a tragic situation.

157-6-61-A "The Pittsburgh Courier"
(10)✓ 4-23-60, NY edition

A letterhead memo set out the following:

The 4-26-60 issue of the "Daily Cardinal", a University of Wisconsin student newspaper, carried an article entitled, "Sit In Leader Cites Scope of Movement." The article stated that Rev. Ralph Abernathy, described as a "leader of Southern students' sit in demonstrations", addressed a meeting of about 175 people at the Hillel

(continued on next page)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Foundation on the University of Wisconsin campus (date not given) concerning "Scope and Significance of Southern Students Sit Ins." He was sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union. He was reported as stressing the value of passive resistance and as saying, "We are not trying to defeat those who oppose us, because then we would have a duplication of the inequalities; we want love and brotherhood." He was also reported as strongly endorsing "the May 17th demonstration planned at the university and pickets of Madison chain stores which practiced segregation in the South."

Above letterhead memo enclosed
MI letter 5-27-60 (cc to MO)
Re: Negro Students Sit-Down Strikes
Racial Matters
157-6-30-3 encl. p.2
(11)✓

A letterhead memo indicated that the 4-7-60 issue of the "Alabama Journal" stated that Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy had arrived in Accra, Ghana, to attend a conference of Nonviolence Positive Action for the Security of Africa. Abernathy was scheduled to report on recent student anti-segregation demonstrations in the South.

The memo also set out information contained in the 4-28-60 issue of the "Mobile Press." The article reported that Alabama Governor John M. Patterson planned to file a libel suit against the "NY Times" and four Negro integration leaders because of an advertisement criticizing the handling of Alabama racial problems, published in the "Times" on 3-29-60. Patterson stated that he would file the suit in the State Court as an individual and had not decided as to the amount of damages to be sought. One of the four racial leaders was Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy.

The article further disclosed that because of this ad, three \$500,000.00 libel suits against the "Times" and the four Negroes had already been filed by Montgomery Mayor Earl D. James and Montgomery City Commissioners L. B. Sullivan and Frank W. Parks.

Above letterhead memo enclosed
MO letter 5-2-60 (MO 100-1460;
BH 100-3080)
Re: Racial Situation, Mobile Division
157-4-61-6 encl. p.1,4
(6)✓
SI par. 3 above
44-0-4 "The Evening Star" 1-31-61,
(1)✓ Washington, D.C.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

A letterhead memo advised that in June, 1960, a highly confidential source, who had furnished reliable information in the past, and whose identity could not be revealed (documentation anonymous), advised the following:

The Committee to Defend Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Struggle for Freedom in the South and SCLC Student Defense Fund in a combined appeal solicited funds from the Soviet Embassy, the Czechoslovak Embassy and the Rumanian Legation, all in Washington, D.C. These organizations appealed for assistance in defending the Southern Negroes who were daily risking their careers and facing jail terms and death in their struggle to make the US truly democratic.

Source stated that requests for contributions were made under six names with titles, including Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, Treasurer, Voting and Registration Crusade, SCLC.

Above letterhead memo enclosed
WFO letter 6-28-60 (cc's to AT, BH,
and MO)

Re: Committee To Defend Martin Luther
King, Jr. and The Struggle for
Freedom in the South; Southern
Christian Leadership Conference
Student Defense Fund

IS-C

100-433547-1 p.3,5 and encl. p.1

(6)✓

67C
67D

According to a letterhead memo, [REDACTED] Montgomery, Ala. PD, advised that just prior to the opening of public schools in September, 1960, a rumor of very unreliable origin was circulated that an attempt would be made to "integrate" a school in Montgomery currently attended by white students only. He stated that he felt there would be no such attempt made at any white school in or near Montgomery. He related that Rev. Ralph Abernathy, made a public statement that no school integration attempt would be made at Montgomery in the fall of 1960. He continued that Abernathy was still hopeful that the Montgomery School Board would soon devise a plan designed to implement the Supreme Court's school integration decision.

Above letterhead memo enclosed
MO letter 9-28-60 (MO 44-439)
Re: Racial Situation, Montgomery, Ala.
Racial Matters
157-4-61-13 encl.

(10)✓
SI 157-4-61-12 encl. p.1
(10)✓

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

67C
67D

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

A letterhead memo disclosed that [REDACTED] advised that the SCLC was held in Shreveport, La., on 10/11-13/60, at various Negro churches and was called "Freedom Rally." Informant stated that Dr. Ralph Abernathy appeared on the program for 10-12-60 as giving a financial appeal. (Details of meeting set out)

Above letterhead memo enclosed
NO airtel 10-20-60
Re: SCLC
United Christian Movement
Racial Matters
100-427079-5 encl. p.3
(10)✓

"The Times Picayune", New Orleans, La., dated 11-26-60 set out an article captioned, "Racial Leaders Address Rally." The article indicated that Rev. Ralph Abernathy, president of MIA, was one of the speakers at a meeting on Friday night in the union Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, New Orleans. The speakers stated that direct nonviolent action to promote brotherhood and good will were among the underlying factors of the Congress of Racial Equality. Abernathy stressed the importance of the bus boycott (details set out).

157-4-33-A "The Times Picayune"
(10)✓ New Orleans, La., 11-26-60
SI 100-225892-157 encl.
(9)✓ [REDACTED]

confi-
dential source (racial), pro-
tect identity, who had furnished
reliable information in the
past)

67C
67D

MO teletype 12-5-60 (MO 44-439)
Re: Racial Situation, Montgomery, Ala.
Racial Matters
157-6-61-39
(6)✓

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

In reference to above, a letterhead memo indicated that the 12-9-60 issue of the "Alabama Journal" reported that Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, in a speech at the Institute on 12-8-60, urged Negroes to stay out of stores and areas which disrespected them, urged Montgomery to hire Negro policemen and firemen; and recommended that a bi-racial committee be established with Negroes naming their own representatives to seek racial harmony.

Above letterhead memo enclosed
MO letter 12-30-60 (MO 100-1460,
cc to BH)

Re: Racial Situation, Mobile
Division

157-6-61-43 encl. p.4

(6)✓

SI 157-6-61-40 encl ("Alabama Journal")

(6)✓ 12-5-60 - potential speaker)
(MO 44-439)

A letterhead memo set out information contained in the 1-3-61 issue of the "Richmond Times Dispatch", Richmond, Va., concerning a Negro demonstration in front of the Prince Edward County Court House, Farmville, Va. on 1-2-61 to re-open the public schools.

The article stated that the demonstration was called at the close of a 7 hour rally which featured 15 speakers, including Dr. Ralph Abernathy, president of MIA.

The article continued that the leaders of the "Pilgrimage for free public school education", sponsored by the Virginia Christian Leadership Conference and the Prince Edward Christian Association, announced that the next step in the legal fight to re-open the schools had been decided, but they would not disclose the plans.

Above letterhead memo enclosed

RH letter 1-30-61

Re: Racial Situation, State of
Virginia, Richmond Division

Racial Matters

157-6-41-157 encl. p.4

(11)✓

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

A letterhead memo set out the following information:

The "Birmingham News", Birmingham, Ala., for 1-12-61 printed a story captioned, "Negro Admission Into U.A. Predicted", which was datelined Montgomery. It indicated that Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, Montgomery Negro leader, had predicted that Negro students soon would seek admission to the University of Alabama in response to a recommendation be made the previous month to the MIA. He stated that he had no specific individuals in mind.

The article further stated that Rev. Abernathy made a speech on 12-8-60 to the MIA at which time he urged Negroes to "stop spending large sums of money to go out of the State to receive training..." and to make use of the opportunity to enter the University of Alabama which was opened to them several years previously through the Autherine Lucy case.

Above letterhead memo enclosed
BH letter 1-18-61 (BH 100-3080,
157-31; MO 100-1460)

Re: Racial Situation, Birmingham
Division

Racial Matters
157-4-4-8 encl. p.1
(6)✓

62
67D

A letterhead memo dated 5-5-61 [redacted] indicated that [redacted] advised on 5-2-61 that some people in the Washington, D.C., area had received letters with the return address of 584 Alfred Rd., N.W., Atlanta 18, Ga. These letters enclosed a petition addressed to President John F. Kennedy requesting presidential clemency for Carl Braden to "reaffirm the position of the Federal Government supporting peaceful and orderly integration in the South." One of the signers of this petition was Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy.

Above letterhead memo enclosed
WFO letter 5-5-61 (cc's to BH, AT,
and MO)

67C

Re: [redacted]
SM-C
100-388425-98 p.2
(5)✓

SI 100-388425-100 (Source not clear;
(5)✓ copy of petition set out)
SI 100-433447-A "The Worker" 5-14-61
(10)✓ (Abernathy as initiator of the
petition)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

67C
67D
[REDACTED] Montgomery, Ala. PD, advised that an "annual board meeting" of the SCLC would be held on 5/10-11/61. [REDACTED] stated that this was publicly announced by the press in Atlanta, Ga., recently by an SCLC officer. He also indicated that Rev. Ralph Abernathy, president of MIA, would be "host" to the meeting. [REDACTED] further advised that there was no immediately known connection between this meeting and the bus station demonstrations being staged by CORE* during this period.

Decoded copy of MO teletype 5-10-61
Re: Racial Situation, Montgomery,
Ala.

157-6-61-52
(11)✓

*Committee on Racial Equality

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following references were not available during the time this summary was being prepared.

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Search Slip Page Number</u>
100-135-61-A "Washington City News Service" 1-1-57	(4) ✓
94-4-2439-343	(13) ✓

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Index

~~SECRET~~

Pages

D.
Ralph H. Abernathy
Ralph Abernathy
Ore Abernathy
Ralph B. Abernathy
Ralph C. Abernathy
Ralph David Abernathy
Ralph D. Abernathy
R. Abernathy
R. Q. Abernathy
R. D. Abernathy
R. O. Abernathy
R. W. Abernathy
R. Abernathy
R. O. Abernathy
Ralph Abernathy
Ralph D. Abernathy

1-6
7-11
12-13
14
14
14
14
15
15
15-16
16
16
16
16
16
16

b7c

Classified by [REDACTED]
Declassify on: OADR
334,459 7-14-92

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-18-92 BY [REDACTED]
334,459

b7c

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE

~~SECRET~~

100-442706-X
~~151-5-7-1~~

RALPH D. ABERNATHY

ALSO KNOWN AS:

BIRTHDATE: 3-11-26

BIRTHPLACE: LINDEN, ALABAMA } NOT VERIFIED

SPOUSE: UNKNOWN

RACE: NEGRO

LOCALITY:

REMARKS:

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 7-13-92 BY [REDACTED]

334,459

SUMMARY
(Correlation)

Ralph D. ABERNATHY

AKA - Ralph DAVID ABERNATHY

Ralph ABERNATHY

R.D. "

Ralph B. "

Ralph O. "

Ralph ABERNETHY

~~SECRET~~

Search - Analytical
Search by - [REDACTED]
Date - 5/31/61 b7c
Total refs. - 140

~~SECRET~~

100-442706-X
~~157-399-1~~

126

5-31-61

Total Ref. 56

All.

~~SECRET~~

Chernathy, Ralph H.

DESTROY ✓✓

44-0-2329

DESTROY ✓

SI

- A The Evening Star 1-31-61 157-4-61-6 and p 1, 4 (6)

DESTROY ✓

SI

44-11124-67 Encl P1 157-1-61-9 and p 1, 3 (6)

DESTROY ✓

SI

- A Wash. Star 12-21-56 100-135-61-A "NY Post"
9-14-58 (9)

DESTROY ✓

SI

- A Wash. Star 1-10-57 157-1-61-9 and pp 1-3 (6)

~~SECRET~~

DESTROY

✓ SI

44-13490-61-15

100-135-61-A

"Montgomery Advertiser"
12-4-59 (5)

DESTROY

✓ SI

61-3176-1372

DESTROY

✓ SI

- 1385

~~SECRET~~

DESTROY

✓ SI

- 1553 P15,16

DESTROY

✓ SI

- 2165 P9

DESTROY

✓ SI

- 2205 P10

DESTROY

✓ SI

62-101087-371

61-3176-2205 p10(2)

DESTROY

✓ SI

- A the Worker 4-21-57 61-3176-2205 p10(2)

DESTROY

✓ SI

- A the Wed. Post and
Times Herald 7-25-59

DESTROY

✓ SI

62-101087-5-72

100-135-61-A

"Montgomery Advertiser"
12-4-59 (5)

DESTROY

✓ SI

~~SECRET~~

- 112

157-4-61-2 pp 2, 5-7 (6, 10, 16) 2

DESTROY

✓SI

62-101087-5-121

DESTROY

✓SI

- 125

~~SECRET~~

DESTROY

✓I

- 139

DESTROY

✓I

- 145

DESTROY

✓I

- 172

DESTROY

✓I

- A Birmingham Post-Herald

1-21-58

DESTROY

✓I

- A N.Y. Post 1-26-58

DESTROY

✓I

- A The Mobile Register

8-26-58

DESTROY

✓I

- A The Charlotte Observer

9-24-58

~~SECRET~~

DESTROY

✓ 62-105023-323

~~SECRET~~

DESTROY

✓ SI

669

157-1-61-9 end p 1-3 (6)

DESTROY

✓ SI

100-3-25-1941 P60 100-135-61-124 (14)

DESTROY

✓ SI

100-16-38-310 P24

DESTROY

✓ SI

100-135-4-A Wash. Star 9-4-58

DESTROY

✓ SI

100-135-61-A Miami Daily News 100-135-61-A "NY Post"
12-21-56 9-14-58(4)

✓
Unavailable

- A Wash. City News Service

1-1-57

DESTROY

✓ SI

- A N.Y. Post 5-27-57

DESTROY

✓ SI

- A Wash. Star 5-28-57

DESTROY

✓ SI

- A Wash. Star 5-28-57

~~SECRET~~

DESTROY

✓ SI 100-135-61-A Wash. Star 5-30-57 100-135-61-A Wash. Star
5-30-57
(4)

DESTROY

✓ SI

-A Wash. Star 9-3-58

DESTROY

✓ SI

-A The Mobile Press 9-3-58

SECRET

DESTROY

✓ SI

-A Courier 9-6-58

DESTROY

✓ SI

-A Montgomery Advertiser
12-4-59

DESTROY

✓ SI

100-362890-23

DESTROY

✓ SI

100-388425-98

DESTROY

✓ SI

100

DESTROY

✓ SI

100-411310-42 P31

DESTROY

✓ SI

100-427079-1

SECRET

DESTROY

✓ SI

A Daily Defender 6-25-59

5

DESTROY ✓ 100. 433547-1

DESTROY ✓ 157-1-61-9

DESTROY ✓ 157-2-61-31

DESTROY ✓ 157-4-4-8

DESTROY ✓ 157-4-61-2

DESTROY ✓ 6

DESTROY ✓ 157-6-8-5

DESTROY ✓ 157-6-61-39

DESTROY ✓ 51 40

DESTROY ✓ 43

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

126

5-31-61

Total Ref. 41

All.

~~SECRET~~

Albernathy, Ralph

DESTROY ✓

✓ 162-101087-295 61-3176-2205 p10(2)

DESTROY ✓

✓ 1 - 379 61-3176-2205 p10 (2)

DESTROY ✓

✓ - A Wash. City News Service
6-13-57

DESTROY ✓

✓ 162-101087-5-19

DESTROY ✓

26

~~SECRET~~

DESTROY ✓

✓ 62-101087-5-91

~~SECRET~~

DESTROY ✓

SI

-93

157-4-61-2 pp 2,5-7 (6,10,16)

DESTROY ✓

✓ 62-101087-43-A The State 3-31-58

21

changed by Cong 6/21/60

DESTROY ✓

✓ 100-135-361

DESTROY ✓

✓ 100-135-61-247

DESTROY ✓

✓ I

-391

DESTROY ✓

✓ I

-399

DESTROY ✓

✓ I

-475

DESTROY ✓

SI

-485

157-1-61-9 encl pp 1-3 (6)

DESTROY ✓

✓ SI

(Pittsburgh Courier, NY edition)
- A N.Y. Courier 11-9-57

100-135-61-A-

"NY Post" 9-10-58 (9)

DESTROY ✓

✓ I

- A Pittsburgh Courier

12-21-57 L6

~~SECRET~~

DESTROY

✓✓ 100-135-61-A N.Y. Post 9-14-58

DESTROY

✓✓ -A N.Y. Post 9-8-58

~~SECRET~~

DESTROY

✓✓ -A N.Y. Post 9-10-58

DESTROY

✓✓ A Wash. Capital News Service
9-21-58

DESTROY

✓✓ 100-6548-337 P43

DESTROY

✓✓ 100-7801-2855 P7

DESTROY

✓✓ SI 100-225892-157 157-4-33-A "The Times Picayune
New Orleans 11-26-60 (10)

DESTROY

✓✓ 100-346566-659

DESTROY

✓✓ SI 100-373454-21

DESTROY

✓✓ 100-411310-42 P31

~~SECRET~~

DESTROY

✓✓ 100-419683-21 P11, 12, 13

9

DESTROY

✓✓ 100-419683-30 P5

DESTROY

✓✓ 100-424082-1

~~SECRET~~

DESTROY

✓✓ 100-427079-5 End. P3

DESTROY

✓✓ SI 100-433447-A The Worker 5-14-61 100-388425-98p2(5)

DESTROY

✓✓ SI 105-43132-43 100-135-61-475 encl p1(8)

changed per Cons.
6-13-61

DESTROY

✓✓ 157-6-61-A
✓✓ ~~157-7-71-A~~ The Pittsburgh Courier
4-23-60

DESTROY

✓✓ 157-4-33-A The Times-Picayune
New Orleans, La. 11-26-60

DESTROY

✓✓ 157-4-61-2

DESTROY

✓✓ SI

12

DESTROY

✓✓

13

~~SECRET~~

DESTROY ✓ 157-6-25-11 100-346566-659 p 2 (9)

DESTROY ✓ 157-6-30-3 Encl. P2

SECRET

DESTROY ✓ 157-6-41-157

DESTROY ✓ 157-6-61-52

SECRET

126

5-31-61

Total Ref. 17

Anal.

~~SECRET~~

Abernathy, One

b7C NR [REDACTED]

DESTROY ✓

✓ 61-3176-1406

DESTROY ✓

✓ 1424 PI

DESTROY ✓

✓ - A Daily Worker 5-21-57

b1

NI [REDACTED]

(S)

(2 cds)

b7C

NR [REDACTED]

~~SECRET~~

12

NR [REDACTED]

NR [REDACTED]

NI [REDACTED]

~~SECRET~~

✓
unavailable 94-4-2439-343

NR [REDACTED]

NR [REDACTED]

b7c

NR [REDACTED]

NR [REDACTED]

DELETED ✓

SI 100-374343-8 100-424082-1 (10)

NR [REDACTED]

NR [REDACTED]

~~SECRET~~

✓ *Abernathy, Ralph B.* *all*
DESTROY ✓ *SI 62-101087-5-188 100-346566-659 p. 2 (9)*

✓ *DESTROY* ✓ *100-135-61-312*

SECRET

✓ *DESTROY* ✓ *SI 100-135-61-329 157-1-61-9 encl p. 3 (6)*

✓ *DESTROY* ✓ *100-135-61-A D.W. 12/10/56*

✓ *Abernathy, Ralph C.* *all*
DESTROY ✓ *100-135-61-124*

✓ *Abernathy, Ralph David* *all*
DESTROY ✓ *SI 62-101087-A COURIER - 5/18/57 & 61-3176-2205 (2)*

✓ *DESTROY* ✓ *62-101087-5-A - COURIER 9/6/58*

✓ *Abernathy, Ralph D.* *all*
DESTROY ✓ *100-10355-896 p. 17*

SECRET

Abernathy, R.

all

NR

NI

~~SECRET~~

b7C

NI

Abernathy, R. A.

all

NR

Abernathy, R. D.

all

DESTROY

SI. 61-3876-1444

61-3126-1406 p 4, 8 (12)

DESTROY

SI. 62-101087-49-109

DESTROY

-113

DESTROY

SI. 61-135-61-9

DESTROY

-29

~~SECRET~~

DESTROY

-362

✓ Abernethy, R. D. (cont'd) all
DESTROY ✓ 157-4-61-2

~~SECRET~~

✓ Abernethy, R. O. all
DESTROY ✓ SI 100-10355-924 p.22 100-10355-896 p.17 (14)

Abernethy, R. W. all
NR [REDACTED]

Abernethy, R. all
NI [REDACTED]

Abernethy, R. O. all
b7c NR [REDACTED]

NI [REDACTED]

✓ Abernethy, Ralph Analy
DESTROY ✓ SI 62-101087-43-A The State 3/14/58
NI [REDACTED] Do 62-101087-43-14 The State 3-21-58(8)

✓ Abernethy, Ralph D. all
DESTROY ✓ 62-101087-5-A The Birmingham News 2/11/60
DESTROY ✓ 157-2-61-31 16
~~SECRET~~

F B I

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-10-92 BY [redacted] b7C

Date: 3/10/64

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (100-716) (RUC)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C
(CO:AT)

CPUSA, NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
IS - C
(CO:NY)

Re telephone call from Atlanta to Tampa 3/6/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 10 copies of LHM captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., dated as above at Tampa, Fla. These copies for the Bureau include one copy each for Bureau files on RALPH DOLBERNATHY, DOROTHY COTTON, ANDY YOUNG, CORDY T. VIVIAN, and BERNARD S. LEE. Four copies are designated for Atlanta (three for ATfile on KING, one for AT 100-6520D) and two copies are designated for New York.

[redacted] (established source) [redacted] advised that originally reservations were made for six individuals, two single rooms and two double rooms, however, only four individuals stayed at the San Juan Hotel, and he thinks the other two stayed at the Sadler Hotel in Orlando, which caters to Negroes, however, he did not know their names.

ENCLOSURE Due to the sensitive nature of this investigation no inquiry was made at the Sadler Hotel concerning these two other individuals who were probably YOUNG and VIVIAN.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls 13) (RM-RAR)
3 - Atlanta (Encls 4) (RM-RAR)
2 - New York (Encls 2)
2 - Tampa
(1 - 157-140)

NOT RECORDED
174 MAR 30 1964

SEARCHED
SERIALIZED
DATE INDEXED
HOW FORN
BY

57 APR 2 1964
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

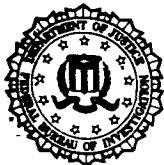
ORIGINAL FILED IN 100-157-331

TP 100-710

This LHM is classified ~~SECRET~~ in accordance with
Bureau instructions.



b2
b7c
b7d



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-10-92 BY [redacted]

67C

Tampa, Florida

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

~~SECRET~~

67C
67D

[redacted] Orlando, Florida, Police Department, advised on March 6, 1964, that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and three or four other individuals accompanying him arrived at the Orlando Airport at 2:40 p.m. that date. He stated that KING was met by members of the Orlando Police Department and CURTIS JACKSON, minister of the Shiloh Baptist Church, Orlando. [redacted] on March 9, 1964, advised that a policeman was assigned to stay with KING while he was in Orlando and that several policemen were stationed at the public meeting addressed by KING on the night of Friday, March 6, 1964. [redacted] said the group left by plane Saturday morning March 7, 1964. [redacted] stated there was no incident of any kind during KING's stay in Orlando. He advised that he heard a collection was taken up from the crowd at the Friday night meeting, but he does not know how much money was collected. He said he heard the estimate of 2,000 attending was an exaggeration. He stated KING stayed at the San Juan Hotel.

[redacted] San Juan Hotel, Orlando, advised on March 9, 1964, that records of this hotel indicate that Dr. MARTIN L. KING occupied Room 303 on the night of March 6, 1964. The only charge to this room was \$7 for room, plus \$.21 tax. [redacted] stated there were three others in the KING party; Reverend BERNARD S. LEE and Dr. RALPH D. ABERNATHY occupied Room 301, which connected with Room 303, and Mrs. DOROTHY F. COTTON occupied Room 608 on a different floor. [redacted] stated that Mrs. COTTON registered in the hotel on March 5, 1964. He advised that all of them listed as their address, 334 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, except ABERNATHY who did not list any street address. [redacted] also stated that charges for all four individuals were transferred to one account and it was requested that these charges be billed to Mrs. DOROTHY F. COTTON, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 334 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. Charges for the group totaled \$122.21. Of this amount, \$77.21 was one charge for restaurant service on March 6, 1964. [redacted] stated that when KING and his party arrived on March 6, it was mid-afternoon and between the lunch and dinner periods, but they wanted something to eat and it was arranged for them

~~SECRET~~

~~Group 1~~

~~Excluded from Automatic~~

~~Downgrading and Declassification~~

3-10-66

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SECRET

to get steaks sent to the room for the group arriving and for three or four local individuals who were accompanying them, but whose identities [REDACTED] did not know.

[REDACTED] stated they all checked out on the morning of March 7, 1964. He stated that reservations were made for this group in the name of Reverend CURTIS JACKSON, Shiloh Baptist Church, Orlando, telephone Garden 2-0631. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that there was nothing of an unusual occurrence in connection with KING staying at this hotel except that a police sergeant was stationed outside Rooms 301 and 303 all the time KING was in his room. [REDACTED] stated there was no record of any long distance calls by any member of this group. Two local calls were charged to Room 301 on March 6, 1964, one to CHerry 1-4531 (listed to Delta Air Lines) and one to GArden 4-4511 (listed to Eastern Air Lines).

[REDACTED] Herndon Municipal Airport, Orlando, advised on March 7, 1964, that KING and his group left Orlando at 9:00 a.m. that date aboard Delta Air Lines flight 742, scheduled to arrive Atlanta, Georgia, at 10:50 a.m.

The daily newspaper "Orlando Evening Star" of March 5, 1964, carried the following article:

"King Due In Orlando Tomorrow

"Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is scheduled to be in Orlando tomorrow for an all-day workshop followed by a mass meeting tomorrow night at Tinker Field.

"The Rev. CURTIS JACKSON, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church at W. Jackson and Terry Streets, who is area president of the SCLC, said the workshop will be held at the church with registration at 9 a.m. and sessions from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

"He said some 200 Negro ministers from throughout Florida are expected to attend.

"The mass meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. If the weather is threatening, it will be moved from Tinker Field to the Central Florida Fair's new air-conditioned Exposition Hall on the fairgrounds on W. Livingston, Rev. JACKSON said.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SECRET

"Purpose of the meeting is to acquaint the Florida ministerial leadership with plans to perfect the freedom program throughout the state, according to the local minister who also has announced his candidacy for Orlando City Council."

The "Orlando Evening Star" of March 6, 1964, carried the following:

"Integration Effort Unity Urged Here

"Forty Negro church pastors and others from over the state heard an appeal for unity in integration efforts in the morning session of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference meeting at the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

"Principal speakers at an all-day workshop, which has the goal of forming a state affiliate with the national conference, were the Rev. C. T. VIVIAN, Atlanta, head of the conference's affiliate program, and Mrs. DOROTHY COTTON, director of citizen education of the conference.

"Rev. VIVIAN told the audience, which included two young white men and two young white girls identified as Florida State University students, that the conference will 'have to organize every little county if we're going to bring about the freedom we all seek.'

"Commenting on the civil rights bill, now before the Senate after having passed the House, VIVIAN said that episodes of violence in Birmingham brought the measure 'from the bottom of the agenda to the top...and we are going to see that the bill is not just on the books but a bill in fact.'

"Mrs. COTTON said that the conference has the grand goal of integrating the American Negro into all aspects of American life and urged participation in the conference's citizen education program.

"Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, president of the conference, is scheduled to address a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. today at Tinker Field. In case of inclement weather, the rally will be at Exhibition Hall on the fairgrounds."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

~~SECRET~~

The daily newspaper, "Orlando Sentinel" of March 7, 1964, carried the following:

"2,000 Hear King Push Mix 'Now'

"Braving chilling winds and temperatures in the 50's about 2,000 Negroes with a sprinkling of whites filed into Tinker Field grandstand last night to hear Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., make another of his fiery speeches for 'integration now.'

"The non-violent action proponent repeated many of the statements he had made earlier in the day to a group of Negro pastors from all over Florida and added advice as to what the Negro must do to bring about total immediate integration.

"KING and earlier speakers urged the Negro to exercise his right to vote. He told of the difficulties encountered by the Negro attempting to register in some areas, but said in other places the Negro failed to register merely because of 'complacency, indifference and laziness.'

"Rapping sharply at office holders who KING said were avowed segregationists, he told his audience, 'There is no reason for Florida to have a governor or senators who are segregationists.'

"One of the speakers, who also presided over the rally, was the Rev. CURTIS J. JACKSON, a candidate for Orlando City Commission who asked for the support of both Negro and 'liberal white' voters.

"KING, who received a standing ovation as he came out on the infield, opened his talk with the statement that the 'wind of change is sweeping out an old order and sweeping in a new order in America.' He said, 'in spite of loud noises from places such as Alabama and Mississippi, segregation is on its deathbed and the only thing left to be seen is how expensive its funeral is going to be made by segregationists.'

"He told his Negro listeners that they had a number of challenges to meet and among these is one to make full and constructive use of the freedom they possess.

~~SECRET~~

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

~~SECRET~~

"He said they must develop a strong action program to get rid of segregation and to destroy the 'myths' that time will solve desegregation problems, and that desegregation cannot be achieved by legislation. He said action will solve the problem and legislation may not be capable of abolishing prejudices, but it can end segregation. 'Law,' he said, 'can't make a man love me, but it can keep him from lynching me.'

"A Florida affiliate of the Southern Christian Leaders Conference was formed as the result of a conference workshop conducted yesterday at the Shiloh Baptist Church. The action ties together seven independent local affiliates in the state, including one in Orlando, and is expected to be the keystone for addition additional units.

"Highlight of the workshop was an address by KING, SCLC president, who predicted that the SCLC's 110 affiliates will grow to 250 by the end of 1964.

"He referred to the civil rights bill, now before the Senate after having been passed by the House, and urged that Southern Senators opposing the bill be 'exposed.'

"KING said 'I prefer no bill at all if they eliminate the public accommodations and equal employment opportunities provisions.'

"Turning to elections, KING said that President JOHNSON, 'who is almost certain to be nominated by his party,' has got to be 'watched a little longer to see what he will do when a (civil rights) crisis comes.' However, he added, 'President JOHNSON has much political sagacity -- he knows he must have the Negro vote.'

"KING said that nearly one half million new Negro voters have been registered in the past 18 months, he expected another 300,000 to be registered 'in the next few months.'

"In other workshop matters, the Rev. C. K. STEELE, Tallahassee pastor and SCLC vice president, said that a protest march on Tallahassee will be held March 27 against the state's 'slow haste' in integrating public facilities and against participation by Florida senators in the expected filibuster over the civil rights bill."

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Serial 1 pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY [REDACTED] b7c

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP (S) OF CLAS.
DATE 12-6-79

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

b7C

"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (SCEF)

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on the SCHW, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

DECLASSIFIED BY 1678
ON JUL 30 1985

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

b7C

b7C

7-13-92
b7C

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on May 27, 1963, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party (CP) members were members of and worked actively in the SCHW. However, since the formation of the SCEF, rank and file CP members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question.

On May 27, 1963, the second source advised that in the past he has considered [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the SCEF, to be a Communist, if not an actual Communist Party member, because he followed communist principles.

CLASS. & EXT. BY [REDACTED]
REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 12-5-79

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ENCLOSURE

100 - 442706 - 1

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE

b7C
b7D

~~SECRET~~
12

The second source also advised on May 27, 1963,
that many people who are officials and members of the SCEF
while liberal in their views, are by no means communists.

(S)(u)

X



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

Atlanta, Georgia
September 24, 1964

Title	RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
Character	
Reference	Letterhead memorandum dated September 24, 1964, at Atlanta, Georgia, captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- ☐ Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

Section 552Section 552a☐ (b)(1)☐ (b)(7)(A)☐ (d)(5)☐ (b)(2)☐ (b)(7)(B)☐ (j)(2)☐ (b)(3)☐ (b)(7)(C)☐ (k)(1)☐ (b)(7)(D)☐ (k)(2)☐ (b)(7)(E)☐ (k)(3)☐ (b)(7)(F)☐ (k)(4)☐ (b)(4)☐ (b)(8)☐ (k)(5)☐ (b)(5)☐ (b)(9)☐ (k)(6)☐ (b)(6)☐ (k)(7)

- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- ☐ Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

0 Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

100-442706-2 is missing AND CANNOT BE LOCATED

☒ For your information: in file.

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

100-442706-2

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X DELETED PAGE(S) X
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
X FOR THIS PAGE X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

NOV 20 1964

WESTERN UNION *b7c*

b7c
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY *[redacted]* *b7c*

Ralph D. Abernathy

BIA205 637P EST NOV 20 64 AB182

A LLJ201 PD 8 EXTRA FAX ATLANTA GA 20 555P EST

J EDGAR HOOVER, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHDC

AS A PERSONAL FRIEND AND THE CLOSEST ASSOCIATE OF DR. KING
BEFORE AND SINCE THE MOVEMENT IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA IN 1955,
I DEEPLY REGRET THE FACT THAT YOU SAW FIT TO MAKE SUCH AN UNTRUE
STATEMENT AGAINST SUCH A NOBLE CITIZEN. YOUR ATTACK WAS NOT
UPON HIS CHARACTER, WHICH IS WELL ESTABLISHED AND FAR ABOVE
QUESTION, BUT IT IS AN ATTACK UPON THE FREEDOM STRUGGLE FOR
JUSTICE AND EQUALITY FOR WHICH DR. KING STANDS. YOUR WORDS
GAVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO LUNITIC FRINGE AND SEGREGATIONIST WHO
WISH NOT TO ABIDE BY THE LAWS OF THIS LAND. IT MIGHT INTEREST
YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE NOW BEING QUOTED IN KLAN RALLIES,
CITIZEN COUNCIL MEETING AND OTHERS WHICH ARE SEEKING TO DESTROY
OUR GREAT NATION AND EMBARRASS AMERICA IN THE EYES OF THE NATION

MR. MOHR FOR THE DIRECTOR

[Handwritten initials]
Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Evans _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sullivan _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

Ralph D. Abernathy
6 DEC 8 1964

REC-1 100-442706-3

NOV 25 1964
SI-108

184
11/3/71

AND WORLD. I PERSONALLY CALL UPON YOU TO RISE TO THE ^FHIGHT
OF TRUE GREATNESS AND RETRACT YOUR STATEMENT AGAINST DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR

RALPH D ABERNATHY TREASURER SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE AND PASTOR WEST HUNTER STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
(32).

CC - Mr DeLoach

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Serial **4** pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY [REDACTED] b7c

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FBI

Classified by [REDACTED]
Declassify on: OADR

Date: 3/26/65

Transmit the following in 7-13-92

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

REGISTERED

(Priority)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISESEE REVERSE SIDE FOR
ADD. DISSEMINATION.

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-874) (P)

RALPH ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTERS

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

Date Forw. MAR 31 1965

How Forw. B-5

By [REDACTED]

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau dated 3/5/65. / Room 828 RB

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies and 2 [REDACTED]
for Atlanta two copies of a LHM relating to information
set forth in referenced airtel. 7D-2

Sources utilized in LHM are as follows:

(c) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Detroit will follow and report activities of the "ROSA
PARKS affair". b7C-The following Detroit area confidential informants were
contacted during March, 1965, with negative results,
concerning [REDACTED] (c)

- ② - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 3 - Detroit

1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]

(8) C. Wick

REG 40

100-442706-5

17 MAR 27 1965

Approved: [REDACTED]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M

Per [REDACTED]

60 APR 9 1965

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SUBV CONTROL

DE 157-874

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The enclosed LHM has been classified ~~SECRET~~ because it contains information from a highly sensitive source with respect to the racial situation in the Atlanta, Ga., area. It is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

^{b7C} Detroit, Michigan

March 26, 1965

DECLASSIFIED

ON 7-13-92

Re: Ralph Abernathy

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

^{b2}
^{b7C}
^{b7D}
[REDACTED] Detroit Police Department,
advised the Woman's Public Affairs Committee of One
Thousand (WPAC) is sponsoring a testimonial in honor
of Rosa Parks, which is scheduled to be held on April 3,
1965, at Cobo Hall, Detroit. [REDACTED] described the WPAC
as a group of women representing church, labor and civil
rights workers from the Detroit area. [REDACTED] described

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

ENCLOSURE

SECRET

100-442706-5

~~SECRET~~

Re: Ralph Abernathy

b7c
b7D
Rosa Parks as being very active in promoting civil rights and as the individual who sparked the bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama. [REDACTED] further stated that the wife of Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the SCLC, and Ralph Abernathy will be present at the Rosa Parks affair.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

~~SECRET~~

FBI WASH DC

FBI INDAPOLS

HOO HOLD FOR TWO

105 PM EST URGENT 4-2-65

TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA

FROM INDIANAPOLIS (157-1) 1P

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY [REDACTED]

ORIGINAL FILED IN 100-3574

[REDACTED] DR. RALPH ABERNATHY, RACIAL MATTERS. INDIANAPOLIS
DIVISION.

67C
RACIAL SOURCE ADVISED ABOVE INDIVIDUALS TO HOLD CONFERENCE WITH
REV. ANDREW J. BROWN, NEGRO MINISTER, ST. JOHNS MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH. MEETING WILL BE PUBLIC AND HELD APRIL TWO AT THE CHURCH.
BROWN IS THE PRESIDENT OF INDIANAPOLIS SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE (ISAC).
REPORT IS BOTH ARE PAVING WAY FOR AN APPEARANCE OF REV. M. L. KING
IN INDIANAPOLIS AT LATER DATE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED ISAC WOULD PROBABLY BE A CHAPTER OF SLCC.
IC AND PD AWARE. - 67C; 67D

ATLANTA ADVISE INDIANAPOLIS IF INDICES ADVERSE TO BOTH
INDIVIDUALS AND IF CHARACTERIZATION AVAILABLE AS INDIANAPOLIS
PREPARING LHM. LHM WILL BE SUBMITTED AFTER RECEIPT OF ATLANTA INFO.

ATLANTA ADVISED.

END

WA

FBI WASH DC

MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

3 APR 7 1965

100-442706-

NOT RECORDED

172 APR 9 1965

F B I

Date: 4/5/65

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-874) (RUC)

RALPH ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Atlanta and Detroit airtels, dated 3/5 and 3/26/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and Atlanta are eight copies and two copies respectively of LHM relating to the appearance of RALPH ABERNATHY in Detroit on 4/3/65.

One copy of LHM being furnished to G-2, Detroit and two copies furnished Secret Service, Detroit.

- ③ Bureau (Enc. 8)
- 2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2)
- 1 - Detroit

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 9-13-93 BY [REDACTED]

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

Date Forw. APR 9 1965

How Forw. R-5

By [REDACTED]

Room 828 RB

REC-6

100-442706-6

23 APR 6 1965

APR 10 1965

Approved: _____

C C. W. Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

M

Per _____



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Detroit, Michigan
April 5, 1965

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-98 BY [redacted] b7c

Ralph Abernathy

Rosa Lee Parks

"The Detroit Free Press", a Detroit daily metropolitan newspaper of general circulation, in its issue of April 4, 1965, on page 8A contained an article captioned, "800 Fete Mother of Negro Revolt". In part, this article stated that more than 800 persons gathered in Cobo Hall Saturday night to pay tribute to a Negro seamstress, Mrs. Rosa Louise Parks, "the mother of the Negro Revolt". Mrs. Parks, 51, a graduate of the Alabama State Teachers College, touched off a Negro boycott of the Montgomery, Alabama bus system in 1955 when she was jailed for refusing to move to the back of a bus. Mrs. Coretta Scott King, wife of civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was the speaker at the \$10.00 a plate dinner. Proceeds of the dinner will go to Mrs. Parks. Mick 1914

The audience included many prominent local, national, church, community and labor leaders. Mick

"The Detroit News", a Detroit daily metropolitan newspaper of general circulation, in its issue of April 4, 1965, on page two contained an article captioned, "Dr. King's Wife Here, Bares 5,000 - Student Protest Plan". This article in part went on to state that the nation's colleges will be asked soon by Dr. Martin Luther King to each "adopt" one of the 120 highly segregated southern counties for a massive civil rights campaign this summer. This article further stated that Mrs. King came here from her Atlanta home with Reverend Ralph Abernathy, a King lieutenant in the Southern Christian Leadership Council (SCLC) to speak at a Cobo Hall testimonial for Mrs. Rosa Lee Parks. ||

On April 5, 1965 [redacted]

[redacted] Detroit Police Department, advised the above-mentioned affair held at Cobo Hall, Detroit, on April 3, 1965, occurred without incident, picketing or any disturbance of any nature. b7c b7D

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

100-442706-6
ENCLOSURE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY

(See Correlation Summary, dated 7/13/61, filed as 100-442706-X)

Main File No: 100-442706

Date: 5-3-65

Subject: Rev. Ralph David ^PAbernathy

Date Searched: 12/3/64

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

~~/~~ Ralph David Abernathy
~~/~~ One Abernathy
~~/~~ R. D. Abernathy
~~/~~ R. O. Abernathy
~~/~~ Ralph Abernathy

SUMMARY

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE

~~/~~ Ralph B. Abernathy
~~/~~ Ralph C. Abernathy
~~/~~ Ralph D. Abernathy
~~/~~ Ralph O. Abernathy
~~/~~ Ralph Abernethy
~~/~~ Ralph D. Abernethy

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. In many cases the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

THIS SUMMARY HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

Analyst

Coordinator

Approved

ENCLOSURE

ENCLOSURE - BEHIND FILE -
SEARCH SLIPS ONLY

Classified by [redacted]
Declassify on: OADR

7-13-92

REC

100-442706-7

17 MAY 3 1965

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

79 MAY 5-1965

NOT
CORRECTION

LOCALITIES

	PAGE
✓Tenn.	3
✓Ala.	3
✓Ga.	5
✓Miss.	7
✓Va.	8
✓N.J.	12
✓N.Y.	12
✓Ohio	12
✓Ger.	11
✓MD.	13
✓Norway	14
✓La.	26
✓NC	27
✓Wash.	28
✓D. C.	29
✓Ky.	30
✓Fla.	30
✓P.R.	36
✓S.C.	36
✓CALIF	38

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ABBREVIATIONS

Add. info.....Additional information appearing
in this reference which pertains
to Ralph David Abernathy may be
found in the main file or else-
where in this summary.

LYL.....Labor Youth League

SCLC.....Southern Christian Leadership
Conference

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

This reference is a letter, dated 7/10/63, from [REDACTED]

b7c

She advised that in 1957 she received a pamphlet from the Georgia Commission on Education, 220 Agriculture Building, 19 Hunter St., SW, Atlanta, Ga., that referred to the Highlander Folk School (61-7511). This pamphlet pictured Martin Luther King and Rev. Abernathy as among those who had attended this school from 8/30/57 to 9/2/57, at Monteagle, Tenn.

61-7511-281
(23)

[REDACTED]

b1

(Copy of petition enclosed)
100-433419-32 encl. p.1
(19)

Bureau memo, dated 5/22/61, captioned "Congress of Racial Equality Freedom Ride, 1961" (100-225892) made reference to a request by the Director for a summary on Ralph D. Abernathy and others. Brief summaries set out. By letter dated 5/23/61 a summary on Abernathy was forwarded to the AG.

100-225892-365 Summary
(17) 5/22/61

On 6/21/61, [REDACTED] (62-99405) made available, among other articles, a 4-page list of names showing "arrest records" of persons arrested in connection with the activities of the "Freedom Riders." The 4th page of this document was a list of names headed "Sheriffs Office, Montgomery, Alabama." Appearing on this page was the name of Ralph David Abernathy with the number 11939 and the date 5/25/61. [REDACTED] pointed out the name of Abernathy on this list and said that Abernathy was known by him to have moved to Montgomery, Ala., about the same time that Martin Luther King took up residence there.

b7c

Copy of "arrest records" enclosed
62-99405-174 p.3, encl. p.7
(22)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(cr)

b1
b2
b7D

100-367343-70 p.2
(4)

The "National Guardian," dated 7/3/61, carried an article entitled "American Group Will Attend Japan Anti-Bomb Conference." This article concerned various Americans who had been invited to attend the 7th Annual Conference of the Japan Council Against the A and H Bombs, that was to be held in Hiroshima, Japan, from 8/6 to 8/14/61. The Provisional Committee for Cooperation With the Japan Council Against the A and H Bomb (100-435680) was formed to raise money to send delegates to the conference. Ralph D. Abernathy was one of those invited, but was unable to attend because of prior commitments.

100-435680-2 encl. p.3
(19)
SI 105-62469-A "National
(19) Guardian" 7/3/61

Reference was made to a memo, dated 7/7/61, from the AAG, Civil Rights Division, which requested the Bureau to interview Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy regarding his knowledge of discriminatory practices at the Dannelly Field Airport, Montgomery, Ala. On 7/14/61 Abernathy advised that in the past he had been ordered from the white waiting room and told not to use the water fountain marked "White Only" at this airport. Interview set out.

157-394-16 p.1,6-8
(21)
SI 157-394-9
(15)

Mobile airtel, dated 10/24/61, captioned "Mass Voting Campaign in Southern States-Racial Matter" (157-446) enclosed a clipping from the "Montgomery Advertiser," dated 10/21/61. This clipping entitled "Defeat of 'Anti-Negro' Candidates Goal of Registration Drive, Abernathy Says," quoted Abernathy relative to a Negro voter registration drive in Montgomery, Ala.

157-446-6
(15)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

An SCLC (100-438794) newsletter, dated February 1962, showed a photograph of a group of individuals at a banquet held in conjunction with the SCLC citizenship training session at Dorchester, Ga., from 1/15 to 1/20/62. Among those identified in this photograph was Ralph Abernathy, Treasurer of the SCLC.

100-438794-157 encl. p.2
(5)

b7C
b7D

100-358916-226 p.5
(19)

Atlanta airtel, dated 6/6/62, captioned "Southern Christian Leadership Conference-Racial Matters," (157-632), enclosed a letter-head memo dated 6/6/62. This memo revealed that on 6/6/62, Harry Bellafonte and a group of 8 other Negroes which included Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Martin Luther King and their wives, attempted to enter the Kings Inn Restaurant, Atlanta, Ga. They were stopped by the hostess who told them they could not be served. Jay Sarno, part owner of the Atlanta Cabana Motor Hotel from which company the Kings Inn Restaurant was leased, invited the group to have lunch in his offices.

157-632-17 encl. p.1
(15)
SI 157-632-14
(15)

The Washington Capital News Service release dated 1/7/63, revealed that the Supreme Court had granted hearings to "The NY Times" and four Negro clergymen who had contested a \$500,000 libel judgement returned in 1960 by a Montgomery, Ala., jury in favor of Police Commissioner L. B. Sullivan. The clergymen, Rev. Ralph Abernathy and Rev. S. S. Seay, Jr. of Montgomery, Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth of Birmingham, and J. E. Lowery of Nashville, Tenn., in their petition, asserted their civil rights had been violated. The lawsuit was

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

brought by Montgomery City officials because of an advertisement which the "Times" ran on 3/29/60. The advertisement was signed by the four above named defendants and 80 prominent persons.

44-0-A Washington Capital News
(1) Service 1/7/63

"The Herald," a weekly Negro publication, dated 1/19/63, at Savannah, Ga., carried an article and a group photograph including Martin Luther King. Along with King in this photograph were Rev. Ralph Abernathy and others from the SCLC. The group was photographed at the Savannah air terminal while enroute to Midway, Ga., for a special 1963 planning conference.

100-358916-230
(4)

The "PW," dated 3/30/63, carried an article entitled "Mine-Mill Opens War On Job Insecurity." This article revealed that Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy was one of the speakers at the 70th convention of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (100-108199) held in Denver, Colo., the previous week. Abernathy stated that the anti-Negro forces were also anti-labor forces and he outlined the goals of the Negroes.

100-108199-A "PW" 3/30/63
(19)

Birmingham report, dated 5/24/63, captioned "Unknown Subjects; Bombing of the Gaston Motel. Birmingham, Ala., 5/11/63" (157-881), revealed that [REDACTED] Gaston Motel, furnished the registration-cards for the motel on the night of 5/11 and 5/12/63. These cards revealed that Room # 30 was occupied by Dr. Martin Luther King and Rev. R. Abernathy, 334 Auburn Ave., Atlanta, Ga. They had arrived on 5/2/63. b7C

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

On 5/16/63, King advised that he and Rev. Ralph Abernathy had rooms # 29 and 30 rented on the night of 5/11/63. He stated that he had left Birmingham on the evening of 5/11/63 and was not there at the time of the bombing.

It was noted that there was no indication that Abernathy was in Birmingham on the night of the bombing.

157-881-241 p.41,55
(13)

[REDACTED] Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Rev. Ralph Abernathy would attend the funeral of Medgar Evers, slain NAACP leader, on 6/15/63. They intended to leave Jackson, Miss., immediately after the funeral. b7C

157-896-107
(16)

[REDACTED] advised that Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Rev. Ralph Abernathy presided over a pro-integration meeting held at the St. Johns A.M.E. Church, 15 th St. and 7th Ave., North, Birmingham, Ala., on 7/29/63. Considerable discussion was devoted to the March on Washington, 8/28/63 (157-970) and all who were present at this meeting were encouraged to join this march. b2 b7D

157-970-368 encl. p.1
(16)

The "UE News," dated 9/23/63, and a UE 28th Convention Summary furnished by [REDACTED] Hotel Commodore, NYC (protect identity), set out information concerning the 28th International Convention of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (100-26912). At the morning session on 9/10/63, the delegates were addressed by Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy of the SCLC. He "traced the struggle for freedom from Montgomery, Ala., to the Freedom March on Washington." b7C b7D

100-26912-5491 p.10
(18)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

b7c
b7D [REDACTED] Richmond, Va., PD, furnished a copy of a program of the 7th Annual Convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (157-632), held in Richmond, Va., 9/24-27/63. This program set out the activities of Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy during this convention.

(Copy of program enclosed)
157-632-49 encl.

(21)
SI 157-632-47 encl. p.2
(21)

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.

100-438794-46 p.4-6
(5)

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.

100-106670-295
(4)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RFE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

b7c [REDACTED]
100-438794-71
(5)

(S) b1 [REDACTED] (2)
[REDACTED] (2)
[REDACTED] (2)
100-3-33-396 p.5
(14)

Correlator's Note: No information was found to indicate the above
lead was followed.

b2 [REDACTED] advised that on 3/31/64, Martin Luther King,
Ralph Abernathy and Clarence Jones conferred concerning routine affairs
of the SCLC (100-438794) in NYC.

b7c b7D [REDACTED] (protect identity), advised that Jones was a member of and
a leader in the LYL in 1953 or 1954. ✓

100-438794-90 p.14
(5)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

This reference set out information pertaining to Ralph Abernathy's association with Martin Luther King, Jr. (100-106670) in activities connected with the SCLC from 1/5/64 to 4/28/64. Contacts and discussions were had by Abernathy and King with Clarence Jones, Harry Wachtel, Bernard Lee, Wyatt T. Walker and Stanley Levison in matters concerning the SCLC. Some of these discussions concerned SCLC finances.

[REDACTED] (c) [REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] b7C
(protect identity), advised that Jones was a member and leader of the LYL in late 1953 or early 1954. b7D

[REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] (c)
Lee was King's assistant on November, 1963, according to [REDACTED] b2

It was noted that Walker was Executive Director of the SCLC.

100-106670-388 p.8,28,30.
(4.18) 31.39,40
SI 100-106670-364 p.8,29,31.
(4.18) 32.40,41
SI 100-438794-95 p.3,13,14,16
(5.19) (Add. info.)

[REDACTED] advised that on 6/16/64, Martin Luther King, Clarence Jones, and Harry Wachtel conferred about an article in a Newark, NJ, newspaper which had alleged past immoral conduct on the part of King and Ralph D. Abernathy. They discussed the possibility of taking legal action and King was advised against it. b2

An anonymous source of the WFO revealed that Wachtel was Executive Vice-President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights at 15 East 40th St., NYC.

[REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] (protect identity), advised that Jones was a member of and leader of the LYL in 1953 or 1954. b7D

100-438794-126 p.6
(19)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

b2
b7D [REDACTED] furnished information concerning a state-wide meeting of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (157-632) held on 6/26/64, at the Norfolk Arena, Norfolk, Va. In the absence of Rev. Ralph Abernathy, who had been expected to attend, the "offering was led" by Dr. Milton Reid, Regional Director, SCLC.

157-632-65 encl. p.4

(15)

SI 157-632-64 encl. p.2

(15) ("The Ledger Star,"
Norfolk, Va. 6/24/64)

b7c
b7D [REDACTED]

100-106670-408

(4)

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-442529-25 encl. p.2

(5)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-106670-462 encl. p.1
(18)

"The Crusader," the official publication for the Chatham County Crusade for Voters, an affiliate of the SCLC (100-438794), in its 8/27/64 issue, advised that the SCLC had decided to hold its annual convention in Savannah, Ga. The article set out the schedule for the convention that was to be held from 9/29 to 10/2/64. On 9/30/64, the convention was to move to the ballroom of the Hotel De Soto, Savannah, for a banquet. Ralph Abernathy would act as toastmaster. (Article set out)

RRE

100-438794-139
(5)

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.



100-106670-493 encl. p.2
(4)

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-442529-230
(5)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

(C)

100-442529-336
(5)

The Baltimore "Evening Sun" 10/31/64, the "Baltimore News American," 10/31/64, and the Baltimore "Sunday Sun," 11/1/64, revealed that on 10/31/64, Dr. Martin Luther King spoke at an affair* at the Masonic Temple, 1300 North Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Mayor Theodore Mc Keldin and Rev. Marion C. Bascom of the Douglass Memorial Church in Baltimore, also appeared on the program.

100-442529-360 encl. p.1
(5)

* Believed to be in connection with "getting out the vote" in the coming elections.

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-442529-361
(6)

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-438794-201
(5)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-106670-530

(4)

The following references in the file captioned "Racial
Matters-Segregation" set out information pertaining to Rev. Ralph
Abernathy in the civil rights movement.

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
10/21/61	Abernathy reportedly moved from Montgomery, Ala., to Atlanta, Ga., where he was to be pastor of the West Hunter Baptist Church. ("Mobile Register" 10/18/61)	157-6-61-69 encl.p.2 (20) SI to para. 1 157-6-61-70 encl.p.1 (20)
	Abernathy was quoted in reference to candidates who ran for office on an anti-Negro platform. ("Montgomery Advertiser" 10/21/61)	
11/2/61	A newspaper article entitled "Libel Seizure of Negroes Goods Upheld" stated that Abernathy and other minis- ters from Alabama had lost a suit filed (20) by them seeking to nullify libel actions brought against them by Alabama author- ities. They had been found guilty of libel against these officials.	157-6-4-A "Washington Evening Star" 11/2/61
12/15-16/61	Abernathy, Martin Luther King and Wyatt Walker arrived in Albany, Ga., on 12/15/61.	157-6-2-232x (6) SI 157-6-2-215 (6)
	On 12/16/61. Abernathy, King, and Dr. W. G. Anderson, head of the Albany Movement, led a civil rights demon- stration with the intention of praying before City Hall, Albany. They were arrested for parading with- out a license and were taken to the Sumter County Jail, Americus, Ga.	SI 157-6-2-217 (6) SI 157-6-2-220x encl p.1 (6)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
3/20/62	67C 67D { [REDACTED] (protect identities) Abernathy spoke at the Negro First Baptist Church in Huntsville, Ala. He stated that if the Negroes were to be free, he'd have to free himself. ("Mobile Register" 3/20/62)	157-6-61-85 (20)
3/27-28/62	62 { 67D { Abernathy, Martin Luther King, and others were traveling throughout the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia in connection with a voter registration drive. [REDACTED]	157-6-41-352 (12)
7/10/62	Abernathy and Martin Luther King were scheduled to appear in Recorder's Court, Albany, Ga., for judge's rule on a motion filed or sentencing if found guilty. Demonstrations were expected if they were found guilty. They were found guilty of parading without a license and obstructing sidewalk, fined \$178 or 45 days in jail. They elected to serve sentence. [REDACTED]	157-6-2-429 (6) SI 157-6-2-395 (6) SI 157-6-2-415 (6) SI 157-6-A "Washington Daily News" 7/11/62 (6)
67C 67D { 7/11-12/62	On 7/11/62, approximately 75 Negroes marched in Albany, Ga., to protest jail sentences given Abernathy and Martin Luther King. [REDACTED] Albany PD) [REDACTED]	157-6-2-438 encl. p.1,4,5 (6) SI 157-6-2-420 (6) SI 157-6-2-552x (8)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
------	---------------------	---------------------------------------

On 7/11/62, Charles Joseph Jones, Field Secretary, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, addressed mass meeting at Shiloh Baptist Church, Albany, and said AG Kennedy would be contacted by telephone and "would have it put to him in such a way where he would have to come down and get King and Abernathy out of jail."

[REDACTED]
Albany PD.)

On 7/12/62, an unknown person paid Abernathy's and King's fines and they were released from jail.

7/16/62

Abernathy and Martin Luther King left Albany, Ga., and returned to Atlanta. They were scheduled to return to Albany on 7/16/62. (Bureau memo, 7/15/62)

157-6-2-439
(7)
SI 157-6-2-427
(6)

7/16/62

This reference set out information pertaining to the arrest on 12/16/61, and the sentencing on 7/10/62, of Abernathy and Martin Luther King in Albany, Ga., for parading without a license and obstruction of the sidewalk. They were released on 7/12/62, when an unknown person paid their fine and they left Albany on 7/15/62, scheduled to return on 7/16/62. Newspaper clipping entitled "Dr. King Departs; Albany Cooling?" from the "Atlanta Constitution" 7/15/62, enclosed. (Bureau Memo 7/16/62)

157-6-2-443 p.1-3, encl.
(7)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
7/16/62	Newspaper article entitled "Dr. King Seeks Talks At Georgia Jailing Site." Dr. Martin Luther King and Abernathy were quoted as stating they hoped to achieve their objectives by negotiation in Albany, Ga.	157-6-2-A "Washington Evening Star" 7/16/62 (10)
7/17/62	Abernathy addressed mass meetings of Albany Movement at Mt. Zion and Shiloh Churches, Albany, Ga., on 7/16/62.	157-6-2-457 (7) SI 157-6-2-441 (7)
	Abernathy left Albany on 7/17/62. [REDACTED]	
7/20/62	b7C b7D Abernathy, Martin Luther King and others arrived in Albany, Ga. [REDACTED] Albany, PD) [REDACTED]	157-6-2-565 (8)
7/21/62	US Marshal was to serve Abernathy, Martin Luther King and others with restraining orders to prohibit their sponsoring, financing and encouraging unlawful picketing, congregating or boycotting the city of Albany, Ga. Restraining order was filed by Mayor Asa Kelly, Albany. (Atlanta teletype, 7/21/62)	157-6-2-447 (7) SI 157-6-2-461 (7)
7/21/62	US Marshal unable to serve restraining order on Abernathy and Martin Luther King in Albany, Ga. (Atlanta teletype, 7/21/62)	157-6-2-448 (7)
7/22/62	Abernathy, Martin Luther King, and Dr. W. G. Andersen appeared at Albany, Ga., Police Department and were served injunction and restraining orders by US Marshal. (Bureau memo, 7/22/62)	157-6-2-450 (7)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
7/22/62	This reference set out information pertaining to the activities of Abernathy in Albany, Ga., in connection with racial demonstrations from 7/20/62 to 7/22/62. Attempts of US Marshal to serve injunction and restraining order on Abernathy were set out. (Atlanta airtel, 7/23/62, enclosing letterhead memo, 7/23/62)	157-6-2-503 encl. p.1,3,5 (8)
7/23/62	Abernathy spoke to mass meeting of the Albany Movement held at Shiloh Baptist Church, Albany, Ga. (Atlanta teletype, 7/24/62)	157-6-2-474 (7) SI 157-6-2-494 p.1,3 (8)
7/23/62	The AG's Office requested Abernathy and others named as defendants in the restraining order to determine if there had been a violation of the restraining order. (Director's notation) (Bureau memo, 7/23/62)	157-6-2-477 (20) SI 157-6-2-480 p.3 (7)
7/24/62	Abernathy, Martin Luther King, and Dr. W. G. Anderson spoke at mass meetings held at Mt. Zion and Shiloh Churches, Albany, Ga. They urged those present to demonstrate since city officials would not negotiate. [REDACTED] Albany PD)	157-6-2-482 p.1 (7) SI 157-6-2-505 p.4 (8)
7/24/62	The restraining order against integration groups and leaders such as Abernathy and Martin Luther King was stayed by US Court of Appeals For the Fifth Circuit Judge Elbert P. Tuttle. Negro leaders were proceeding to Albany, Ga. for a mass meeting scheduled for 7/24/62. (Bureau memo, 7/24/62)	157-6-2-499 (8)

b7C {
b7D {

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
7/24/62	Signed statement of Ralph D. Abernathy was set out concerning restraining order served on him on 7/21/62, at Albany, Ga., and the fact that he had abided by that order. Restraining order also set out. (Atlanta report, 7/24/62)	157-6-2-504 p.2,10,11 (20)
	This reference set out information pertaining to the activities in Albany, Ga., of Abernathy. He appeared along with Martin Luther King and others at City Hall on 7/23/62, and offered to leave Albany if the City Commission agreed to meet with the Albany Movement leaders. He attended and spoke at meetings of the Albany Movement on 7/23-24/62, at the Mt. Zion and Shiloh Churches in Albany. (Atlanta airtel, 7/25/62, enclosing letterhead memo, 7/25/62.)	157-6-2-553 encl. p.1,2 (8)
7/25/62	Abernathy, Martin Luther King, and W.G. Anderson were observed being escorted to Mt. Zion Church, Albany, Ga. (Atlanta teletype, 7/25/62)	157-6-2-486 (7) SI 157-6-2-648 (9)
	Martin Luther King planned a mass meeting of the Albany Movement in Albany, Ga., which was to have been led by King and Abernathy; however, a meeting on night of 7/24/62 got out of hand and an unplanned demonstration took place. [REDACTED]	157-6-2-489 (8)
67C	[REDACTED]	
7/27/62	Ten individuals, including Abernathy, were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct for refusing to disperse by the Albany, Ga., PD. The group had asked permission to pray in front of City Hall, Albany, and they were doing this when asked to disperse. (Bureau memo, 7/27/62)	157-6-2-530 (8) SI 157-6-2-544 p.1,2 (8) SI 157-6-2-556 p.1 (8) SI 157-6-2-567 encl. p.1 (8)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
8/10/62	On 8/10/62, wives of Abernathy, Martin Luther King, W.G. Anderson and Wyatt Tee Walker applied to Albany, Ga. City Manager for parade permits for "Mothers and Wives Parade." Permits were denied. [REDACTED] Albany PD.)	157-6-2-618 (9) SI 157-6-2-644 (9)
67C 67D	W. G. Anderson announced women's march led by the wives of Abernathy, King, Anderson and Walker, would take place on 8/10/62. [REDACTED] Albany PD)	
	Abernathy, W. G. Anderson, Martin Luther King, and Slater King received a fine of \$200 and 60 days suspended sentence in Albany, Ga. They were arrested on 7/27/62, charged with obstructing the sidewalk, disorderly conduct and failure to obey an officer. (Bureau memo, 8/10/62)	157-6-2-629 (9)
8/13/62	Abernathy and Martin Luther King had airline reservations to return to Albany, Ga., on 8/13/62. (Bureau memo, 8/13/62)	157-6-2-693 (9) SI 157-6-2-622 p.1 (9)
	Abernathy and Martin Luther King appeared at a meeting of 1500 Negroes at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Albany, Ga. (Bureau memo, 8/14/62)	157-6-2-707 (9)
8/14/62	Abernathy and Martin Luther King attended a meeting of the Albany Movement, at the home of Marion S. Page, Secretary of the Albany Movement, in Albany, Ga. (Atlanta teletype, 8/14/62)	157-6-2-640 (9)
8/27/62	Abernathy and Martin Luther King arrived in Albany, Ga., 8/27/62. They both addressed mass meeting of the Albany Movement held at Shiloh Baptist Church, Albany. (Bureau memo, 8/28/62)	157-6-2-756 (9)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
8/28/62	Abernathy left Albany, Ga., enroute to Atlanta, (Bureau memo, 8/29/62)	157-6-2-768 (9)
8/30/62	Abernathy and Martin Luther King returned to Albany, Ga. (Bureau memo, 8/31/62)	157-6-2-775 (9)
	The Alabama Supreme Court upheld a \$500,000 judgement against Abernathy, 3 other Negro ministers and the "NY Times," for libeling Montgomery Police Commissioner L. B. Sullivan.	157-6-61-A "Washington Evening Star" 8/30/62 (14)
9/25-28/62	Abernathy was scheduled to speak at the 6th Annual Conference of the SCLC to be held in Birmingham, Ala. The host affiliate of the SCLC Convention was the Alabama Christian Movement For Human Rights. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (protect identity)	157-6-4-436 (20) SI 157-6-4-445 (20)
11/16/62	Meetings of the Albany Movement, Albany, Ga., were scheduled to be held 11/12/62 through 11/16/62. Abernathy was one of those scheduled to appear. [REDACTED] Albany PD)	157-6-2-913 (9)
11/21/62	The 11/21/62 issue of the "Mobile Register" reported on an appeal of the "Freedom Riders" who had been convicted of unlawful assembly and breach of peace. The Alabama Court of Appeals denied the appeal, which was based on the conviction of Abernathy, but by agreement the appeal applied to 10 companion cases of other "Freedom Riders."	157-6-61-143 encl. p.3,6 (14) (Add. info.)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
12/3/62	Abernathy was one of the speakers for the opening program of a week long Institute on Nonviolence and Social Change to be held in Montgomery, Ala. ("Mobile Press" 12/3/62)	157-6-61-149 encl. p.2 (21)
12/8/62	Abernathy and other SCLC officials were going to institute a "People to People Crusade" in Alabama. On 12/5/62, they were to appear in Gadsden and Anniston, Ala.; on 12/6/62, in Talladega and Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and on 12/7/62, in Montgomery. On 12/8/62, they would be in Selma and Uniontown, Ala. [REDACTED]	157-6-61-142 (14) SI 157-6-61-144 (14)
12/9/62	A booklet captioned "Program, Seventh Anniversary and The Annual Institute on Non-Violence and Social Change," sponsored by the Montgomery Improvement Association, held 12/3-9/62, Montgomery, Ala., listed Abernathy as one of the personnel in this institute. [REDACTED]	157-6-61-148 encl. p.4,12,13 (25) (Add. info. according to [REDACTED])
	Abernathy was becoming increasingly militant in his speeches. [REDACTED] Alabama State Department of Public Safety, Montgomery)	
2/18/63	Abernathy spoke to a meeting of the Albany Movement held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Albany. [REDACTED]	157-6- 2-978 (10)
4/9/63	Racial demonstrations were planned in Birmingham, Ala., Martin Luther King and Abernathy expected to be jailed. [REDACTED]	157-6-4-572 (10)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
4/11/63	A temporary injunction prohibiting conducting of parades, demonstrations, sit-ins, etc, was obtained by City of Birmingham, Ala., against Abernathy and others. [REDACTED] Confidential Source)	157-6-4-595 (10)
4/13/63 b7C b7D	Abernathy, Martin Luther King and Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth all conferred with attorneys regarding their arrest the previous day in Birmingham, Ala. [REDACTED] Birmingham PD)	157-6-4-592 (10) SI 157-6-4-580 (10) [REDACTED] SI 157-6-4-588 (10) SI 157-6-4-612 p.3 (20) ("Birmingham Post Herald" 4/13/63)
	Abernathy and other Negroes in Birmingham, Ala., were arrested on 4/12/63 on charges of parading without a permit. On 4/11/63, Abernathy and others prepared a news release captioned "Alabama Christian Movement For Human Rights." On 4/13/63, Abernathy conferred with his attorney concerning his arrest. (Birmingham airtel, 4/16/63 enclosing letterhead memo 4/16/63)	157-6-4-692 encl. p.6,7,10, 19,25 (11)
4/15/63 b7C-	Attorneys for Abernathy and Martin Luther King filed a motion in Birmingham, Ala., to have their cases transferred to Federal court. Both King and Abernathy might be released on bond. [REDACTED] Recorder's Court, Birmingham, Ala.)	157-6-4-625 p.1 (10) SI 157-6-4-627 (22) SI 157-6-4-682 encl. p.6 (10) SI 157-6-4-716 encl. p.2 (22)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
4/22/63	On 4/19/63, attorneys, on behalf of Abernathy and Martin Luther King, filed a suit in Federal Court, Birmingham, Ala., against the City of Birmingham. The suit sought a temporary restraining order and injunction prohibiting the defendants from denying Negroes the right to peacefully picket and demonstrate. On 4/20/63, King and Abernathy were released from jail and left Birmingham for Atlanta. They were to return on 4/22/63. (Bureau memo, 4/22/63)	157-6-4-678 (10) SI 157-6-4-690 p.1 (20)
4/26/63	Information was set out concerning the trial of Abernathy and others who had been arrested and tried for contempt of court in Birmingham. They were found guilty and were committed to the custody of the sheriff of Jefferson County for 5 days and were fined \$50. ("Birmingham News" 4/25/63 and Records of Circuit Court, Jefferson County) On 4/26/63, Abernathy and other Negroes leaders visited 3 department stores in Birmingham. (Birmingham airtel. 4/30/63, enclosing letterhead memo, 4/30/63)	157-6-4-738 encl. p.3-5 (11)
5/8/63	Abernathy, Martin Luther King, and others were convicted and sentenced to 180 days in jail and \$100 fine. Trial arose out of arrest in Birmingham on 4/12/63, for parading without a permit. [REDACTED] Birmingham PD)	157-6-4-816 (11) SI 157-6-4-879 (11) SI 157-6-4-707 (11)

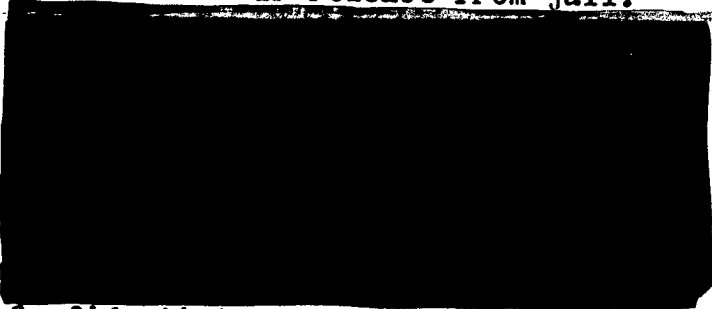
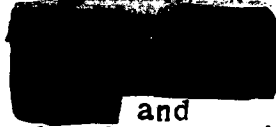
67C
67D

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
5/9/63 (date information furnished)	A.G. Gaston, wealthy Birmingham, Ala., Negro businessman, posted \$5000 bond for Abernathy and Martin Luther King to obtain their release from jail.  Confidential Source (protect identity)	157-6-4-999 encl. p.5-8 (11) (Add. info. according to  and duplicate informant) b7C b7D
5/10/63	A suit was expected to be filed against Abernathy and other Negro leaders in Birmingham, Ala., which would seek a temporary injunction to restrain these individuals from coercing and inducing students to stay away from school to engage in demonstrations. 	157-6-4-863 (11) b7C
5/13/63	Abernathy and Martin Luther King went into a few pool halls on 5th Ave., Birmingham, Ala., to ask people in those pool halls to commit no more violence. 	157-6-4-933 (11) b7C b7D
5/15/63	Abernathy and Martin Luther King attended meeting at 6th Ave. Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala. (Birmingham teletype, 5/16/63)	157-6-4-902 (11)
5/16/63	Abernathy and Martin Luther King did not have to start a five day jail term for violation of a court injunction against racial demonstrations in Birmingham, Ala., according to an Alabama Supreme Court ruling. ("Birmingham Post Herald" 5/16/63)	157-6-4-943 (11)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
5/31/63	Mayor of New Orleans, La., threatened by local NAACP official with a mass demonstration if a bi-racial committee to deal with desegregation was not set up. Abernathy and Martin Luther King would be among those invited to New Orleans for this demonstration. (New Orleans teletype, 5/31/63)	157-6-33-707 (23)
6/20-21/63	Abernathy was in attendance at a Negro church meeting held at 16th St. Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala. (Birmingham PD)	157-6-4-1293 (11)
7/6/63	Abernathy spoke to a rally on 7/5/63, held at the First Bryan Baptist Church, Savannah, Ga. He then led about 1000 Negroes in a march to the Chatham County Jail, where he spoke again. [redacted] Savannah PD)	157-6-49-900 encl. p.1,2,3 (13) SI 157-6-49-883 (13)
7/7/63	The "Savannah Morning News" of 7/6/63, carried an article which stated that Abernathy had announced that the SCLC was behind Savannah Negroes 100%. Abernathy was quoted in reference to an interview he'd had with President Kennedy.	
7/7/63	Abernathy left Savannah, Ga. [redacted]	157-6-49-923 encl. p.4 (13)
7/11/63	Abernathy and Martin Luther King were to arrive in Danville, Va., to aid in demonstrations. (Richmond airtel, 7/11/63, enclosing letterhead memo, 7/11/63)	157-6-41-838 encl. p.2 (12)
	Abernathy, Martin Luther King, and other SCLC officials would attend a luncheon in honor of King, at the High Street Baptist Church, Danville, Va. [redacted] not further identified)	157-6-41-780 (12) SI 157-6-41-781 p.3 (12) SI 157-6-41-790 (12)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
7/12/63	Abernathy and Martin Luther King departed Danville, Va. [REDACTED] not further identified)	157-6-41-801 (12) SI 157-6-8-640 (12)
7/19/63	Abernathy was scheduled to speak at a mass meeting in Danville, Va., at the James Street Holiness Baptist Church. (Richmond airtel, 7/19/63, enclosing letterhead memo, 7/19/63)	157-6-41-859 encl. p.2 (13) SI 157-6-41-869 (13)
7/29/63	Abernathy and Martin Luther King were scheduled to arrive in Birmingham, Ala. [REDACTED] Confidential Source (RAC)	157-6-4-1436 (11)
67C 67D	Abernathy and Martin Luther King presided over a pro-integration meeting held at the St. Johns AME Church, Birmingham, Ala. Abernathy stated that if the Negroes were not given their freedom, there would be no World's Fair. [REDACTED]	157-6-4-1448 (12)
7/30/63	Abernathy was speaker at a mass meeting of Negroes at the Covenant Baptist Church, Ocala, Fla. He stated that Negroes must be willing to fill up the jails or quit and go home. [REDACTED] Ocala, PD)	157-6-63-713 encl. p.1.2 (14) SI 157-6-63-698 encl. p.2 (14)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
9/30/63 b2 b7D L	[REDACTED]	157-6-4-1580 p.1,2 (12)
10/15/63	Abernathy was scheduled to speak to a public meeting on the non-violent struggle for human rights, in Seattle, Wash., at the Seattle Opera House. Meeting was sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee. ("Seattle Times" 10/5/63)	157-6-50-74 (20)
11/7/63	Abernathy was to be a member of a Task Force to be sent into Danville, Va., by the SCLC to aid in a desegregation program. (The "Danville Register" 11/6/63)	157-6-41-1398 (20)
11/16/63 b7C b7D	Abernathy and Martin Luther King expected to arrive in Danville, Va., on 11/15/63, where King would address a mass meeting and on 11/16/63 he would address a youth rally. They would leave Danville on 11/16/63. [REDACTED]	157-6-41-1428 (13) SI 157-6-41-1405 encl. p.2 (13) (The Danville "Commerical Appeal" 11/11/63) SI 157-6-41-1442 encl. p.1 (13) [REDACTED]
	Abernathy was one of the speakers at the High Street Baptist Church, Danville, Va., on 11/15/63, regarding the racial demonstrations. Abernathy and Martin Luther King were expected to leave Danville on 11/16/63. for Atlanta, Ga. [REDACTED]	157-6-41-1418 encl. p.1 (13)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
11/18/63	Abernathy and other SCLC members arrived in Danville, Va., attended a mass meeting at Loyal Baptist Church and departed from Danville after the meeting. (Richmond teletype, 11/18/63)	157-6-41-1427 (13) SI 157-6-41-1458 (13) [REDACTED]
12/5/63	Abernathy spoke on 12/5/63, to the annual anniversary meeting of the Montgomery Improvement Association in the form of an Institute on Nonviolence, at the Mt. Zion AME Zion Church, Montgomery, Ala. [REDACTED] (protect identity) [REDACTED]	157-6-61-532 (25) SI 157-6-61-520 (21) [REDACTED] not further identified
1/6/64	Abernathy, scheduled to speak at a meeting of the Albany Movement, Albany, Ga., failed to appear. [REDACTED]	157-6-2-1466 (10)
	Those in attendance at a meeting of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, held in Birmingham, Ala., were asked to pray for Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth and Rev. Abernathy who were in Washington, D.C., in connection with a libel suit against them being argued before the Supreme Court. This suit was brought against them because of their stand on civil rights. [REDACTED]	157-6-4-1664 (23)
2/21/64	Abernathy was scheduled to be guest speaker at a meeting of the Allied Organization for Civil Rights to be held at the Zion Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. ("Louisville Courier-Journal" 2/9/64)	157-6-27-228 enc1. (28)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
3/4/64	Abernathy and Martin Luther King were writers of a letter inviting persons to an SCLC meeting to be held at the First Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Montgomery, Ala. Abernathy and King were expected to be present [REDACTED] (Montgomery, PD)	157-6-61-558 encl. p.1 (21)✓
3/5/64	Abernathy was one of the speakers at a march and demonstration sponsored by the Allied Organizations for Civil Rights, in Frankfort, Ky. (Louisville airtel, 3/5/64, enclosing letterhead memo, 3/5/64)	157-6-27-241 encl. p.2 (12)✓ SI 157-6-27-A ("Courier-Journal" Louisville, Ky.. 3/6/64) (12)✓
4/20-22/64	Abernathy and other top SCLC aides of Martin Luther King were to conduct a 3-day workshop in voter registration and non-violent techniques in Tallahassee, Fla. [REDACTED]	157-6-63-1296 (24)✓
6/10/64	Abernathy, Martin Luther King, and others were scheduled to be in St. Augustine, Fla. on this date [REDACTED] (protect identity)	157-6-4-1890 (12)✓
6/11/64	Ten demonstrators, including Abernathy, were arrested by police of St. Augustine, Fla. They were charged with trespassing and malicious intent, breach of peace and conspiracy, and were placed under \$100 bond. (Jacksonville airtel, 6/12/64, enclosing letterhead memo, 6/12/64)	157-6-63-1425 (22)✓

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.

157-6-2-1645 encl. p.1
(10)✓

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
7/6/64	Abernathy spoke at a meeting held at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Selma, Ala. He urged non-violence in Negro demonstrations. [REDACTED]	157-6-61-648 (14)
7/12/64	Abernathy was scheduled to speak at a Human Rights Day Parade in San Francisco. The parade was held to demand full equality for Negroes. (San Francisco airtel, 7/10/64, enclosing letterhead memo, 7/10/64)	157-6-47-336 (13)

The following references in the file captioned "Freebus, 1961; Racial Matters," set out information pertaining to Rev. Ralph Abernathy and the Freedom Riders in Montgomery, Ala.

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
5/20/61	Plans of Freedom Riders from Birmingham, Ala., to Montgomery, Ala., included going to Abernathy's church in Montgomery. [REDACTED]	157-373-28 (14)
5/21/61	Concerning Freedom Riders who were involved in a riot in Montgomery, Ala., on 5/20/61, Abernathy knew where those still in Montgomery were hiding but had not disclosed their whereabouts. State authorities had warrants of arrest for these riders on contempt of court charges. Martin Luther King arrived at Abernathy's residence for dinner. (Bureau memo, 5/21/61)	157-373-62 (24)
	The Deputy AG requested that the Bureau contact Abernathy and a Rev. Walker, number two man of Martin Luther King, and request them to report to the Deputy AG, through the FBI, plans for any possible meetings they were going to have. Abernathy and Walker were to be informed that they would be afforded	157-373-87 p.1,1a,4,5 (24) SI 157-373-76 (24)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
	protection at such meetings. Two meetings were scheduled to be held at Abernathy's church on 5/21/61. (Bureau memo, 5/21/61)	
5/21/61	The Director desired a summary memo on Abernathy and others involved in the Freedom Ride incident of 5/20/61. (Bureau memo, 5/21/61)	157-373-97 (21)
	This reference set out information concerning Abernathy's activities regarding the Freedom Riders in Montgomery, Ala. A group of Riders stayed at Abernathy's home. He spoke to a mass meeting held at the First Baptist Church, Montgomery on 5/21/61. (Mobile report, 5/24/61)	157-373-335 p.g. 185, 248, 340, 341, 462, 470, 475 (21)
5/24/61	A new group of Freedom Riders arrived in Montgomery, Ala., from Atlanta, Ga., and were taken to Abernathy's home. (Letter to the AG, 5/25/61)	157-373-105 (24) SI 157-373-A "NY Herald Tribune" 5/22/61
	Major General Henry V. Graham, Adjutant General, Alabama National Guard, requested notification when this group left Abernathy's home so they could be protected. Abernathy's home presented the most difficult security problem in Montgomery and the National Guard was still guarding his home.	(14)
5/25/61	Abernathy and others were arrested by the Sheriff's Office, Montgomery, Ala., along with entire group of Freedom Riders who arrived in Montgomery from Atlanta, Ga. (Bureau memo, 5/25/61)	157-373-237 (14) SI 157-373-341 p. 1, 3, 8, 9, 28, 30, 31, 33, encl. (21) (legal proceedings set out)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
5/26/61	This reference set out information pertaining to the protection given to the residence of Abernathy where Freedom Riders were staying while in Montgomery, Ala. Also set out was information regarding Abernathy's arrest on charges of disorderly conduct and unlawful assembly. (Mobile report, 5/27/61)	157-373-346 p.22,26,27,35,39 (21)
9/21/61	Abernathy and 10 other individuals who had been arrested in Montgomery, Ala.. on 5/25/61, were sentenced \$100 fine and 10 days in jail. He was freed on \$400 appeal bond. (Mobile letter, 9/21/61, enclosing letterhead memo, 9/21/61)	157-373-386 (14)

The following references in the file captioned "Freedom Riders-Misc." set out information pertaining to Rev. Ralph Abernathy and the Freedom Riders.

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
6/2/61	On 6/2/61, a restraining order was issued in Montgomery, Ala., against Abernathy and other individuals and organizations. The order restrained these individuals and organizations from interfering with persons traveling interstate to test state and local laws relating to racial segregation. (Bureau memo, 6/3/61)	157-387-14 p.2,4,5 (21) (Add. info.)
6/5/61	Abernathy spoke to a Freedom Rally, held in NYC at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, to protest the jailing of the Freedom Riders and to secure protection for the SCLC. (A Special Agent of the FBI)	157-387-131 encl. p.1 (15) SI 157-387-96 (14)  ba

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
6/20/61	Abernathy picked up Freedom Riders at the Greyhound Bus Terminal in Montgomery, Ala. They were reported as intending to spend the night at Abernathy's home. (Mobile letter, 6/24/61, enclosing letterhead memo, 6/24/61)	157-387-451 encl. p.2 (15) SI 157-387-752 p.2 (15)
6/27/61	Abernathy attended a meeting in Jackson, Miss., which was sponsored by organizations promoting freedom rides. [REDACTED]	157-387-432 p.3 (15) SI 157-387-438 (15)
8/9/61	Abernathy, who had participated in Freedom Rider activities, advised that there were no CORE representatives in Montgomery, Ala. He agreed to advise when Rev. Matthew Pettway and other Freedom Riders left Montgomery to go to Jackson, Miss. This they were scheduled to do on 8/14/61.	157-387-836 (21)
8/11/61	Abernathy advised that Rev. Matthew Pettway and group, previously described, were to leave Montgomery, Ala., on 8/12/61, for Jackson, Miss.	157-387-873 (21)

The following references in the file captioned "CP, USA, Negro Question, Communist Influence in Racial Matters" set out information pertaining to Rev. Ralph Abernathy in the civil rights movement.

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
8/6/63	Delta Airlines Reservation Office records revealed that the Abernathy and Martin Luther King families and a Mrs. W. Wilkinson had reservations to leave Atlanta, Ga. for Idlewild Airport.	100-3-116-76 (1)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
9/24/63	"The Worker" dated 9/24/63, in an article entitled "Say Birmingham Situation Requires Troops, Not Panel," revealed that Abernathy was one of a delegation of 7 Negro leaders who had a conference with the President on the Birmingham situation.	100-3-116-A "The Worker" 9/24/63 (18)
	RRE	100-3-116-665 p.3 (2)
	RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185	
	SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186	100-3-116-670 p.4 (2)
	Information pulled from this file under court order of U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.	100-3 116-688 p.2 (2)
1/4/64 b2 b7c	[REDACTED] advised that Martin Luther King, Jr., contacted [REDACTED] and stated that Abernathy would attend the NY SCLC meeting on 1/8/64.	100-3-116-770 encl. p.2,3 (2,18) (Add.info.)
	RRE	100-3-116-1308 encl. p.2 (3)
	RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185	
	SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186	
	Information pulled from this file under court order of U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.	
1/9/64 b2 b7c	[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] stated that Abernathy had money for the NY Office of SCLC.	100-3 116-758 encl. p.1,3 (2,17) (Add. info.)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE	REF	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
	RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185 SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186 Information pulled from this file under court order of U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.		100-3-116-822 (2)
2/5/64 (date of information)		[REDACTED]	100-3-116-855 p.2,4 (2)
	67D 1		
	REF		100-3-116-875 p.2 (2)
	RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185 SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186 Information pulled from this file under court order of U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.		100-3-116-1075 (2)
		A fisure revealed that on 3/9/64, Abernathy, Stanley Levison and Martin Luther King, Jr., departed the offices of SCLC, Atlanta. Ga.	100-3-116-1096 encl. p.2,3 (2)
	REF	RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185 SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186 Information pulled from this file under court order of U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.	
67C 3/13/64 67D		[REDACTED] Delta Airlines, Savannah Airport, Savannah, Ga., advised that Abernathy had a reservation out of Savannah to Atlanta. Abernathy and the Martin Luther King party were late and had to reschedule their departure.	100-3-116-1205 encl. p.1,2 (23)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
	RRE	
	RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185	
	SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186	
	Information pulled from this file under court order of U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.	100-3-116-1184 encl. p.1,2 (3)
	RRE	
	RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185	
	SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186	
	Information pulled from this file under court order of U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.	100-3-116-1207 (3)
	RRE	
	RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185	
	SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186	
	Information pulled from this file under court order of U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.	100-3-116-1334 encl. p.1,2 (3)
5/19/64	The Washington Capital News Service release dated 5/20/64, revealed that on 5/19/64, Abernathy spoke to the American Baptist Convention in Atlantic City, NJ.	100-3-116-A Washington Capital News Service 5/20/64 (18)
5/18-23/64	[REDACTED] Atlantic City Convention Bureau, Atlantic City, NJ, advised that Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Abernathy had reservations at the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel, South Park Place and Boardwalk, Atlantic City. [REDACTED] advised that a Baptist "Jubilee" Convention was being held in Atlantic City on 5/17-24/64.	100-3-116-1083 (18)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
		100-3-116-1480 (3)
	RRE	100-3-116-1484 (3)
	RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185	
	SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186	100-3-116-1560 encl. p.1-4 (3)
	Information pulled from this file under court order of U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.	

6/29/64

This reference set out information
furnished by "The Pittsburgh Courier."
dated 9/6/58

100-3-116-1946 p.1-3
(3)

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

7/19/64

The 7/19/64 issue of "The Herald" carried a photograph and a story to the effect that Abernathy had seduced a 15-year-old girl in August, 1952. The article set out testimony given in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Ala.

100-3-116-1702 p.2
(3)

** South Carolina's oldest Negro newspaper
published in Anderson, S. C.

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE	TYPE OF INFORMATION	REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
RRE	RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185 SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186	100-3-116-1873 encl. p.1-3 (3)

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

67C
67D >

[REDACTED]
Delta Airlines, Atlanta, Ga. (protect
identity), advised that Abernathy,
King and group had reservations on
Flight 403 from Atlanta to Jackson,
Miss., and Greenwood, Miss.

RRE

100-3-116-2064
(3)

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following references on Ralph Abernathy located in files maintained in Mr. W. C. Sullivan's office, Room 807 K Street, were not reviewed:

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-3-116-762	(2)✓
-1053	(2)✓

The following reference on Ralph Abernathy located in files maintained in the Special File Room of the Files and Communications Division, Records Branch, was not reviewed:

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-3-116-1456	(3)✓

The following reference on Ralph D. Abernathy located in the Personnel Records Unit was not reviewed:

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
67-318195-210	(17)✓

See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source will be noted on the search slip.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

INDEX

NAME	PAGE
✓ Abernathy, Ralph	1-16
✓ Abernathy, Ralph D.	17-21
✓ Abernathy, Ralph David	22
✓ Abernathy, One	23-24
✓ Abernathy, Ralph A.	25
✓ Abernathy, Ralph B.	25
✓ Abernathy, Ralph C.	25
✓ Abernathy, R.	26
✓ Abernathy, R.A.	26
✓ Abernathy, R.D.	26
✓ Abernathy, R.O.	26
✓ Abernathy, Ralph O.	27
✓ Abernathy, Dave	27
✓ Abernathy, David	27
✓ Abernethy, Ralph	28
✓ Abernethy, Ralph D.	28

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY [REDACTED]
334.459

b7c

100-442706-7

RALPH ABERNATHY

AKA: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
BIRTHDATE: 3/11/26 (not verified)
BIRTHPLACE: LINDEN, ALA.
SPOUSE: JUANITA J. ABERNATHY
LOCALITY:

SUMMARY
(Correlation)

100-942706-7

SEARCHED ON:

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY [REDACTED]

334,439

b7c

Analytical Supplemental
Correlation Summary

Searched 5-31-61

util. 4-31-61

279

b7c

Searched 12-3-64

Ralph Abernathy

b7c

100-442706

→ ~~157-399~~ Consolidated into 100-442706
1/14/65

100-442706-7

120

Refs - 126

all refs

Abernathy, Ralph

MP 100-442706

~~MP 157-399~~ Consolidated into 100-442706 ^{11/14/65}

Consolidated into 100-442706-X
MP ~~157-399-1~~ Cor. Sum. 5/31/61

✓
DESTROY

I 44-0-A Wash. Capital News Service 1/7/63

✓
DESTROY

I 100-3-33-396

✓
DESTROY

I 100-3-116-76

✓
DESTROY

I 100-3-116-665 p3;

✓
DESTROY

I

- 670

✓
DESTROY

I

- 688

✓
DESTROY

I

- 758

✓
W.C. Sullivan's Office 807 Kth - 762

✓
DESTROY

I

- 770

✓
DESTROY

I

- 822

✓
DESTROY

I

- 855

✓
DESTROY

I

- 875

✓
W.C. Sullivan's Office 807 Kth - 1053

✓
DESTROY

I

- 1075

✓
DESTROY

I

- 1096

✓✓
DESTROY

I 100-3-116-1184

✓✓
DESTROY

I

-1207

✓✓
DESTROY

I

-1308

✓✓
DESTROY

I

-1334

✓✓
Sp. Gull from Nov 4

-1456

✓✓
DESTROY

I

-1480

✓✓
DESTROY

I

-1484

✓✓
DESTROY

I

-1560

✓✓
DESTROY

I

-1702

✓✓
DESTROY

I

-1873

✓✓
DESTROY

I

-1946

✓✓
DESTROY

I

-2064

✓
DESTROY

SI 100-135-61-A 2 Wash. Post + Times Herald 9/29/71
to MF X p 21

✓
DESTROY

SI 100-10355-974 p 14 to MF 42.3

b7C
b7D

[REDACTED] (protect identity)

✓
DESTROY

SI 100-106670-143 to MF 1p1,5

✓
DESTROY

SI

-162 to MF 1p1,5
(dist. via Pres. SCLC)

✓
DESTROY

I

-295

✓
DESTROY

SI

-364 p 8, 29, 31, 32, 40, 41.
to 100-106670-388 (4)(18)

✓
DESTROY

I

-388 p 8;

✓
DESTROY

I

-408

✓
DESTROY

I

-493

✓
DESTROY

I

-530

✓
DESTROY

I

100-358916-230

✓
DESTROY

I

100-367343-70

✓
DESTROY

SI 100-392452-158 - DMF X, p 32
(Charities Registration Bureau,
NY State Dept. of Social Welfare, NYC)

✓
DESTROY

I 100-438794-46 p 4;

✓
DESTROY

I

-71

✓
DESTROY

I

-90 p 14;

✓
DESTROY

SI

-95 p 3; to 100-106670-388 (4)(18)

✓
DESTROY

I

-139

✓
DESTROY

I

-157

✓
DESTROY

I

-201

✓
DESTROY

I

100-442529-25

✓
DESTROY

I

-238

✓
DESTROY

I

-336

✓
DESTROY

I

-360

~~DESTROY~~

I 100-442529-361

~~DESTROY~~

SI 157-6-A The Washington Daily News 7/11/62
FD 157-622-429 (6)

~~DESTROY~~

SI 157-6-2-215 FD 157-6-2-232X (6)

~~DESTROY~~

SI -217 FD 157-6-2-232X (6)

~~DESTROY~~

SI -220X FD 157-6-2-232X (6)

~~DESTROY~~

I -232X

~~DESTROY~~

SI -395 FD 157-6-2-429 (6)

~~DESTROY~~

SI -415 FD 157-6-2-429 (6)

~~DESTROY~~

SI -420 FD 157-6-2-438 (6)

~~DESTROY~~

SI -427 FD 157-6-2-439 (7)

~~DESTROY~~

I -429

~~DESTROY~~

I -438

✓
DESTROY

I 157-6-2-439

✓
DESTROY

SI

-441 to 157-6-2-457 (7)

✓
DESTROY

I

-443

✓
DESTROY

I

-447

✓
DESTROY

I

-448

✓
DESTROY

I

-450

✓
DESTROY

I

-457

✓
DESTROY

SI

-461 to 157-6-2-447 (7)

✓
DESTROY

I

-474

✓
DESTROY

SI

-480 to 157-6-2-477 (20)

✓
DESTROY

I

-482

✓
DESTROY

I

-486

✓
DESTROY

I 157-6-2-489

✓
DESTROY
DESTROY

SI

destroy both cards

-494

(2 cards)

to 157-6-2-474 (7)

✓
DESTROY

I

-499

✓
DESTROY

I

-503

✓
DESTROY

SI

-505 to 157-6-2-482 (7)

✓
DESTROY

I

-530

✓
DESTROY

SI

-544 to 157-6-2-530 (8)

✓
DESTROY

SI

-552x to 157-6-2-438 (6)

✓
DESTROY

I

-553

✓
DESTROY

SI

-556 to 157-6-2-530 (8)

✓
DESTROY

I

-565

✓
DESTROY

SI

-567 to 157-6-2-530 (8)

✓
DESTROY

I 157-6-2-618

✓
DESTROY

SI

-622 to 157-6-2-693 (9)

✓
DESTROY

I

-629

✓
DESTROY

I

-640

✓
DESTROY

SI

-644 to 157-6-2-618 (9)

✓
DESTROY

SI

-648 to 157-6-2-486 (7)

✓
DESTROY

I

-693

✓
DESTROY

I

-707

✓
DESTROY

I

-756

✓
DESTROY

I

-768

✓
DESTROY

I

-775

✓
DESTROY

I

-913

✓
DESTROY

I 157-6-2-978

✓
DESTROY

I

-1466

✓
DESTROY

I

-1645

✓
DESTROY

I 157-6-2-A The Evening Star 7/16/62

✓
DESTROY

I 157-6-4-572

✓
DESTROY

SI

-580 to 157-6-4-592 (10)

✓
DESTROY

SI

-588 to 157-6-4-592 (10)

✓
DESTROY

I

-592

✓
DESTROY

I

-595

✓
DESTROY

I

-625

✓
DESTROY

I

-678

✓
DESTROY

SI

-682 to 157-6-4-625 (11)

✓
DESTROY

I 157-6-4-692 ep 6;

✓
DESTROY

ST

-707 10157-6-4-816 (11.)

✓
DESTROY

I

-738 ep 3;

✓
DESTROY

I

-816

✓
DESTROY

I

-863

✓
DESTROY

ST

-879 10157-6-4-816 (11)

✓
DESTROY

I

-902

✓
DESTROY

I

-933

✓
DESTROY

I

-943

✓
DESTROY

I

-999

✓
DESTROY

I

-1293

✓
DESTROY

I

-1436

~~DESTROY~~

I 157-6-4-1448

~~DESTROY~~

I -1580

~~DESTROY~~

I -1890

~~DESTROY~~

SI 157-6-8-640 to 157-6-41-801 (12)

~~DESTROY~~

I 157-6-27-241

~~DESTROY~~

SI 157-6-27-A Courier Journal 3/6/64
Louisville Ky.
to 157-6-27-241 (12)

~~DESTROY~~

I 157-6-41-352

~~DESTROY~~

I -780

~~DESTROY~~

SI -781 to 157-6-41-780 (12)

~~DESTROY~~

SI -790 to 157-6-41-780 (12)

~~DESTROY~~

I -801

~~DESTROY~~

I -838

✓✓
DESTROY

I 157-6-41-859

✓✓
DESTROY

SI

-869 10157-6-41-859(13)

✓✓
DESTROY

SI

-1405 10157-6-41-1428(13)

✓✓
DESTROY

I

-1418

✓✓
DESTROY

I

-1427

✓✓
DESTROY

I

-1428

✓✓
DESTROY

SI

-1442 10157-6-41-1428(13)

✓✓
DESTROY

SI

-1458 10157-6-41-1427(13)

✓✓
DESTROY

I 157-6-47-336

✓✓
DESTROY

SI 157-6-49-883 to 157-6-49-900 and p. 123 (13)

✓✓
DESTROY

I

-900

✓✓
DESTROY

I

-923

✓
DESTROY

I 157-6-61-142

✓
DESTROY

I

-143

✓
DESTROY

SI

-144 to 157-6-61-142 (14)

✓
DESTROY

I

-648

✓
DESTROY

I

157-6-61-A The Evening Star 8/30/62

✓
DESTROY

SI 157-6-63-698 to 157-6-63-713 (14)

✓
DESTROY

I

-713

✓
DESTROY

I

157-373-28

✓
DESTROY

I

-237

✓
DESTROY

I

-386

✓
DESTROY

SI

157-373-A NY Herald Tribune 5/22/61
to 157-373-105 (24)

✓
DESTROY

SI

157-387-96 to 157-387-131 (15)

✓
✓
DESTROY

I 157-387-131

✓
✓
DESTROY

I

-432

✓
✓
DESTROY

SI

-438 to 157-387-432 (15)

✓
✓
DESTROY

I

-451

✓
✓
DESTROY

SI

-752 p 2, to 157-387-451 (15)

✓
✓
DESTROY

SI

157-394-9 to 157-394-16 (21)

✓
✓
DESTROY

I

157-446-6

✓
✓
DESTROY

SI

157-632-14 to 157-632-17 (15)

✓
✓
DESTROY

I

-17

✓
✓
DESTROY

SI

-64 to 157-632-65 (15)

✓
✓
DESTROY

I

-65 p 4,

✓
✓
DESTROY

I

157-881-241 p 55;

~~DESTROY~~

I 157- 896- 107

~~DESTROY~~

I 157- 970- 368

120

Rife - 56

All refs

Abernathy, Ralph D.

MP 100-442706

~~MP 157-399~~ consolidated into 100-442706 11/14/66

~~Report by~~ I 100-225892-365 Sum 5/22/61

Consolidated into 100-442706-X
MP 157-399-1 Cont. Sum. 5/31/61

~~Report by~~ 67-318195-210

DESTROY

I 100-3-116-758

✓
DESTROY

I 100-3-116-770

✓
DESTROY

SI - 881 to MF 1p2

✓
DESTROY

I - 1083

✓
DESTROY

I 100-3-116-A The Worker 9/24/63

✓
DESTROY

I - A Wash Capital News Service 5/20/66

✓
DESTROY

SI 100-135-61-A Wash City News Service 1/1/57
to MF X P 11

✓
DESTROY

SI 100-10355-967 p34. to MF 1p2

✓
DESTROY

SI 62C-974 p14. to MF 1p2.3
510

✓
DESTROY

I 100-26912-5491 p10,

✓
DESTROY

SI 100-106670-364 p8, 29, 31, 32, 140, 41.
to 100-106670-388 (4)(18)

✓
DESTROY

I - 388 p8;

✓
DESTROY

I - 462

✓
DESTROY

I 100-108199-A Peoples World 3/30/63

✓
DESTROY

I 100-358916-226

✓
DESTROY

SI -232 hmf 1p3,4

✓
DESTROY

I 100-433419-32 ep1;

✓
DESTROY

I 100-435680-2 ep3;

✓
DESTROY

SI 100-438794-13 hmf 1p2
(unrelated folder destroyed)
"Also see SCLC" returned
w/ SA

✓
DESTROY

SI { -28 p2; hmf 1p2
-28 p4; (program of the 73 annual
SCLC convention - 1963)

✓
DESTROY

SI -89 p3; hmf 1p1

✓
DESTROY

SI -95 p3 to 100-106670-388⁽⁴⁾⁽¹⁵⁾

✓
DESTROY

I -126

✓
DESTROY

SI -143 p2; hmf 1p1

✓
DESTROY

SI 105-62469-A National Guardian 7/3/61
to 100-435680-2 (19) 19

✓
DESTROY

I 157-6-2-477

✓
DESTROY

I -504

✓
DESTROY

I 157-6-4-436

✓
DESTROY

SE -445 to 157-6-4-436 (20)

✓
DESTROY

SE -612 to 157-6-4-592 (10)

✓
DESTROY

SE -690 to 157-6-4-678 (10)

✓
DESTROY

I 157-6-4-A The Evening Star 11/2/61

✓
DESTROY

I 157-6-41-1398

✓
DESTROY

I 157-6-50-74

✓
DESTROY

I 157-6-61-69

✓
DESTROY

SE -70 to 157-6-61-69 (20)

✓
DESTROY

I -85

✓
DESTROY

I 157-6-61-149

✓
DESTROY

SI

-520 to 157-6-61-532

✓
DESTROY

I

-558

✓
DESTROY

I

157-373-97

✓
DESTROY

I

-335 p462, 470;

✓
DESTROY

SI

-341 p1, 3, 8, 9, 28, 30, 31, 33.

to 157-373-237 (14)

✓
DESTROY

I

-346 p22, 35, 39.

✓
DESTROY

I

157-387-14

✓
DESTROY

I -

-836

✓
DESTROY

I

-873

✓
DESTROY

I

157-394-16

✓
DESTROY

SI 157-632-47 to 157-632-47 (21)

✓
DESTROY

I

-49 p11;

120

Reps - 7

all refs

Abernathy, Ralph David

MF 100-442706

MF 157-399 Consolidated into 100-442706, 1/14/65

MF Consolidated into 100-442706-X
157-399-1 Corr. Sum 5/31/61

✓
DESTROY

I 62-99405-174 p3.

✓
DESTROY

SI 157-6-4-627 10157-6-4-625 (10)

✓
DESTROY

SI 716 p2. 10157-6-4-625 (10)

✓
DESTROY

I 157-6-63-1425

120

Rife - 11

Analys. WTD 4/31/61

Abernathy, One

MF consolidated into 100-442706-X 11/4/65
157-399-1 Corr. Sum. 5/31/61

b7c

NI

✓
DESTROY

I 61-7511-281

✓
DESTROY

I 100-3-116-1205

✓
DESTROY

I 157-6-4-1664
100-8-4-1664

Card incorrectly listed

✓
DESTROY

I 157-6-33-707

~~DESTROY~~

~~I~~ 157-6-63-1296

~~DESTROY~~

~~I~~ 157-373-62

~~DESTROY~~

~~SV~~ -76 to 157-373-87 (24)

~~DESTROY~~

~~I~~ -87

~~DESTROY~~

~~I~~ -105

all ref.

ABERNATHY, RALPH A.

62c

NR

ABERNATHY, RALPH B.

consolidated into 100-442706 1/14/65
~~MF 157-399~~

consolidated into 100-442706-X
~~MF 157-399-1~~ CORR. SUMM. 5-31-61

DESTROY

✓ 157-6-61-532

DESTROY

✓ 157-6-61-148 E.P. ✓

ABERNATHY, RALPH C.

consolidated into 100-442706 1/14/65
~~MF 157-399~~

consolidated into 100-442706-X
~~MF 157-399-1~~ CORR. SUMM. 5-31-61

all ref.

Abernathy, R.

NR [REDACTED]

NI [REDACTED]

NI [REDACTED]

b7c

Abernathy, R.A.

N [REDACTED]

Abernathy, R.D.

consolidated into 100-442706-X 1/14/65
MP 157-399-1 CORR. SUMM. 5-31-61

DESTROY SI 100-358916-232 to MF 1p3,4

DESTROY SI 100-358916-229 to MF 1p3,4
b7c [REDACTED] (Delta Airlines)
b7D (Savannah, Ga.)

Abernathy, R.D.

consolidated into 100-442706 1/14/65
MP 157-399 consolidated into 100-442706-X
MP 157-399-1 CORR. SUMM. 5-31-61

ALL REF.

ABERNATHY, RALPH U.

consolidated into 100-442706 1/14/65

MP/157-399

MP/157-399-1 consolidated into 100-442706-X
CORR. SUMM.

5-31-61

ABERNATHY, DAVE

NR

[REDACTED]

NR

[REDACTED]

b7C

ABERNATHY, DAVID

NR

[REDACTED]

NR

[REDACTED]

all ref.

ABERNETHY, RALPH

consolidated into 100-442706 1/14/65
MF 157-399

consolidated into 100-442706-X
MF 157-399-1 CORR. SUMM. 5-31-61

NR [REDACTED] b7c

✓
DESTROY

SI 100-438794-19 b7c b7D

ABERNETHY, RALPH D.

consolidated into 100-442706 1/14/65
MF 157-399

consolidated into 100-442706-X
MF 157-399-1 CORR. SUMM. 5-31-61

✓
DESTROY

✓ 157-6-27-228

All logical buildups, breakdowns and variations of name were searched and no word was found except those listed

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: May 25, 1965

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 10893-10894. Congressman Waggoner, (D) Louisiana, spoke concerning connections between the Communist Party and leaders of the civil rights movement. He placed in the Record a column written by Mr. Ray Cronley which appeared in the May 20th issue of the Washington News. Mr. Waggoner advised that the article "deals with the Red-tinged DuBois Clubs, named after the Communist who founded the NAACP." The article states that Dr. William E. B. DuBois was a crusader for civil rights, supporter of Communist fronts, and joined the U. S. Communist Party at the age of 93. Mr. Waggoner also included with his remarks an item from the National Review Bulletin which states "Rev. Ralph Abernathy, a close associate of Martin Luther King, speaking in Philadelphia, rounded out remarks on civil rights with a plea for a negotiated peace in Vietnam and admission of Red China to the U.N."

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-12-92 BY [redacted] b7c

100-442706
NOT RECORDED
128 JUN 2 1965

Original filed in: 66-1731-2701

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 5-24-65 was reviewed and pertinent items were placed to the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

Sec 1

August 10, 1965

BY LIAISON

b7c
Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY [redacted]
b7c

Dear Mr. Watson:

I thought the President might be interested in the remarks pertaining to the White House made by Reverend Ralph D. ⁽¹⁾Abernathy on the Huntley-Brinkley television newscast over the NBC network last Thursday evening, August 5, 1965. Abernathy is Martin Luther King's chief aide and is Treasurer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of which King is President. b7c

Abernathy referred to invitations extended to visit the White House and commented sarcastically to the effect that on such occasions they are served tea and cookies. He then emphasized that what the Negro really wants is filet mignon, lamb chops and pork chops. He also stated that the Negro is tired of eating chicken backs, chicken necks, pigs' ears and pigs' tails.

In another reference to the White House, Abernathy noted that there are 20 bathrooms over there and that they don't begrudge these to LBJ. But, he declared, there are Negro homes without one bathroom within a block and a half from where he was speaking. b7c

Sincerely yours,

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Sullivan (100-106670)

Tolson
Belmont
Mohr
DeLoach
Casper
Callahan
Conrad
Felt
Gale
Rosen
Sullivan

NOTE: The Director instructed that Abernathy's remarks be brought to the attention of the White House. Upon approval this letter should be returned to Mr. DeLoach's Office for delivery to the White House.

WHS (9)

10 AUG 17 1965

MAIL ROOM

TELETYPE UNIT

EX-100

REC-100

19 AUG 11 1965

REC'D - R
SING ROOM
AUG 11 1965
23 PM '65

b7c

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 8-6-65

FROM : M. A. Jones

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: DR. RALPH D. ABERNATHY
APPEARANCE AT FALL RETREAT
WAKE FOREST COLLEGE
WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 10-14, 1965

Wick
Tolson
DeLoach
Casper
Callahan
Conrad
Felt
Gale
Rosen
Sullivan
Tavel
Trotter
Tele. Room
Holmes
Gandy

As indicated on the attached program, Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy will participate in the fall retreat for new and returning students of all denominations sponsored by the Interdenominational Council of Wake Forest College, September 10th through 14th.

Wake Forest College is a Baptist institution located at Winston-Salem. While we have had satisfactory relations with the College over the years, a check of Bureau files on the leading college officials does not show any particular close contact with any of them. There is, however, no derogatory information on the officials in Bureau files.

It seems obvious that the College officials are not aware of the unsavory background of Abernathy who, of course, is Martin Luther King's assistant and has been tied in with many of King's activities.

[REDACTED] of course, has been very friendly

It is felt that [REDACTED] would be very interested in this matter and could be relied upon to protect the Bureau's interest in furnishing information about Abernathy to appropriate college officials.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you telephonically contact [REDACTED] and brief him on a confidential basis concerning Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan

MAJ [REDACTED]

ENCLOSURE

5 AUG 23 1965

SENT DIRECTOR

8-6-65

PERS. REC. UNIT

PROGRAM

DR. SAMUEL S. HILL, JR.

Chairman of the Department of Religion at the University of North Carolina, Dr. Hill has traveled through 16 countries in Europe and North Africa and 5 Latin American countries. He is especially interested in religion in the South from theological, sociological, and historical standpoints. He is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Georgetown College, has done graduate work at Vanderbilt University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Cambridge University, and holds the Ph.D. from Duke University.



DR. RALPH D. ABERNATHY

Dr. Abernathy is the pastor of West Hunter Street Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga. He is a prominent leader in the civil rights movement and an assistant to Dr. Martin Luther King. He is a graduate of Alabama State College, and did graduate work at Atlanta University. Wholly committed to non-violence, Dr. Abernathy is earnestly seeking equality for all American citizens.



DR. EDWIN G. WILSON

Dr. Wilson is the Dean of Wake Forest College, holding that position since 1960. He received the B.A. at Wake Forest, and his M.A. and Ph.D. at Harvard University. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership fraternity.



Friday

Registration
Supper
Intro. to Retreat
"Perils & Possibilities of Learning" — Dr. E. G. Wilson
Group Discussions — Denominational chaplains and faculty
Square Dance
Campfire
Saturday
Breakfast
"The Anatomy of Wake Forest" — Dr. E. M. Wilson
Group Discussions
Break
Worship
Lunch
Denominational meetings
Recreation
Supper
"Christianity as a Style of Life" — Dr. Sam Hill
Group Discussions
Recreation

Sunday

Breakfast
Church School: Denominational chaplains and faculty
Worship
Lunch
Recreation
Supper
Worship — Dr. Abernathy
Campfire informal discussion with Abernathy

Monday

Breakfast
Worship — A mediation led by one of the adult leaders
"The Christian Style of Life Applied to Campus Life"
Dr. Hill
Group Discussions
Break
A concluding discussion — Dr. Wilson and Dr. Hill
Lunch
Freshman Orientation — Mr. Starling Director of Admissions
Recreation
Banquet — Dr. John Carter, Associate Prof. of English
Follies

Tuesday

Breakfast
Holy Communion Dr. L. H. Hollingsworth, Chaplain, WFC
Exodus to Wake Forest

b7c
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 2-13-93 BY 3393

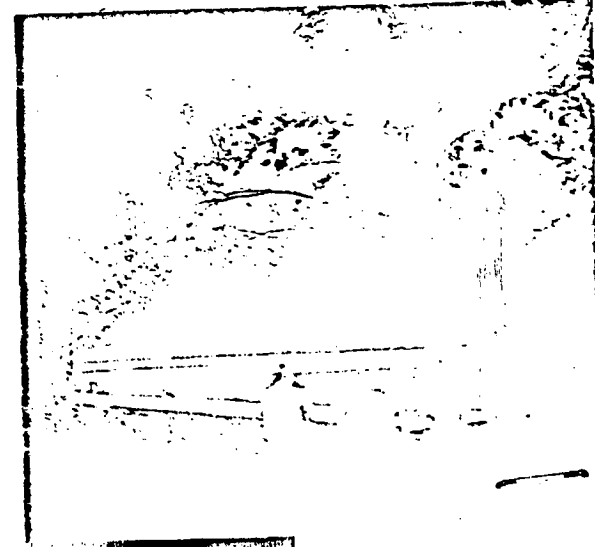
September 10-14, the interdenominational Council of Wake Forest College will sponsor a fall retreat for new and returning students of all denominations. The retreat will be held at Camp Hanes, Winston-Salem YMCA Camp, a short drive from the College campus.

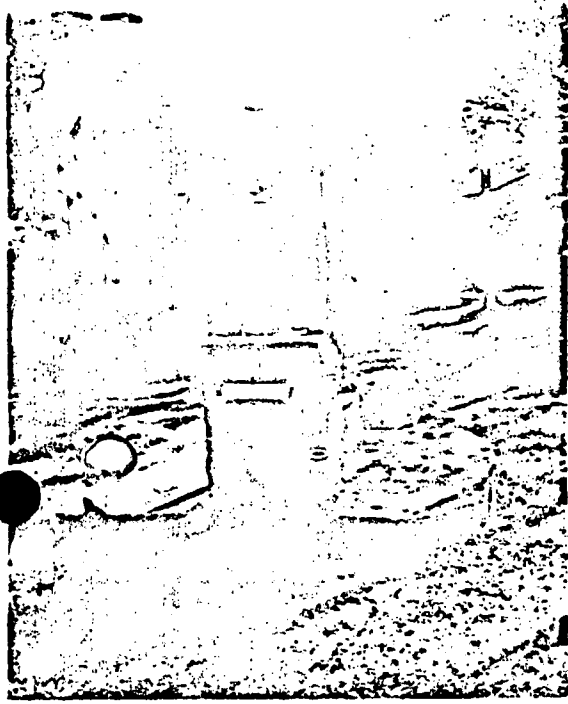
The retreat begins Friday evening, September 10 and ends Tuesday morning, September 14. In order to attend, send \$3.50 registration fee and accident insurance to Interdenominational Council, Box 7204, Reynolda Station, Winston-Salem, N. C., by Wednesday, September 1. Come to Wake Forest and register at Wait Chapel between noon and 4:00 P.M. You will receive your room key (\$3.00 deposit) so that you may be able to place your belongings in your dormitory room. Cost of the retreat will be \$13.00, payable at Camp Hanes. Information on what to bring will be sent to you upon receipt of your registration.

PURPOSE

To provide an opportunity for students to develop their commitment to the Christian faith through worship, discussion and fellowship . . . To enable the entering student to appreciate the nature of college life and the Christian perspective of Wake Forest.

100-441906-1
ENCLOSURE





U.S. Postage
PAID
Non-Profit Org.
W.S., N. C.
Permit No. 69

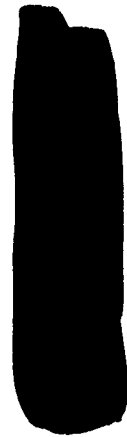
RETREAT PHILOSOPHY

The student entering or continuing college needs to understand the purpose of the institution in which he is a participant. Dean Wilson will suggest some of the principles underlying the philosophy of Wake Forest College. In his second address, he will describe the various aspects of life which interest students and faculty as together they pursue the goals of Christian higher education.

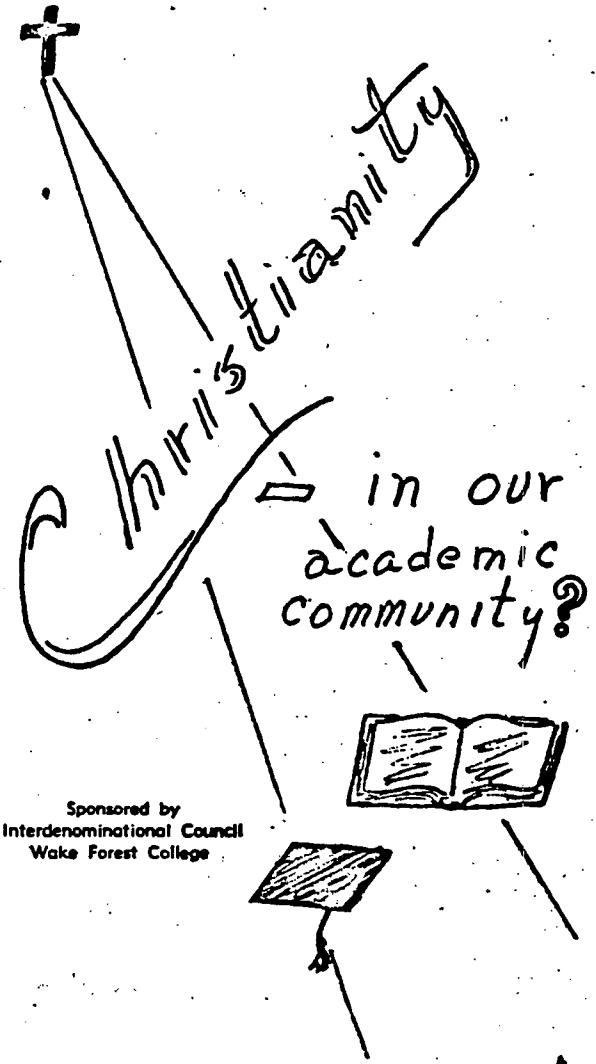
Dr. Hill will outline the essential nature of Christianity as a style of life and undertake to show how the Christian should respond to the life of an academic

INTERDENOMINATIONAL COUNCIL
WAKE FOREST COLLEGE
BOX 7204, REYNOLDA STATION
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. 27106

b7c



INTERDENOMINATIONAL PRE-SCHOOL RETREAT



RETURN REQUESTED

CAMP HANES

September 10-14

~~TOP SECRET~~

Sec 1

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE

November 3, 1965

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Classified by [REDACTED] b7C
Declassify on: OADR
7-13-92

Dear Mr. Watson:

Mr. CHM Alexander has requested an FBI name check on Reverend Ralph Abernathy, First Vice President and Treasurer, Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy has been very prominent with Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., the leader of this organization, in racial demonstrations throughout the South.

Ralph Abernathy - Summary
The "Miami Daily News," Miami, Florida, in an article entitled "Montgomery Buses Launch Integration," reported on December 21, 1956, that Mr. Abernathy and Mr. King, among others, on that date ended the boycott of over a year by Negroes refusing to ride segregated buses in Montgomery, Alabama. The Montgomery bus boycott began in December, 1955, and was sponsored by the Montgomery Improvement Association. Mr. King was President of this Association and was succeeded by Mr. Abernathy on February 1, 1960. Prior to this, Mr. Abernathy was Chairman of the Board of Directors since January 19, 1958.

In June, 1960, a highly confidential source revealed that the Committee to Defend Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Struggle for Freedom in the South and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Student Defense Fund, solicited funds from the Soviet Embassy, the Czechoslovakian Embassy and the Rumanian Legation, all in Washington, D. C. Among the names under which the requests for contributions were made was the name of Reverend Ralph D Abernathy. The New York edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier," on August 17,

67C
Tolson _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
DeLoach _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)

See NOTE page 3.

1 - Mr. Gale 56
1 - Mr. Rosen

100-442786-10

~~TOP SECRET~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(10) ENCLOSURE

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Returned to Michael Regall
11-4-65

~~TOP SECRET~~

Honorable Marvin Watson

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1957 reported the official launching at Montgomery, Alabama, of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and named Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, Montgomery, Alabama, as the treasurer.

b1
(
[REDACTED])

b7c
(
In his position as Vice President and Treasurer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Mr. Abernathy, along with Mr. King, has associated with individuals with communist backgrounds. Some of these individuals include Stanley David Levison [REDACTED] Mr. Levison has been described as one who has dedicated his life to advancing the communist cause in this country. [REDACTED]

(
As recently as July of this year, information was received indicating that Mr. Levison was in contact with Mr. Abernathy and Mr. King in connection with a fund-raising program for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

On October 10, 1965, I wrote you concerning remarks pertaining to the White House made by Mr. Abernathy on the Huntley-Brinkley television newscast over the NBC network on October 5, 1965. Briefly, you will recall that Mr. Abernathy referred to invitations extended to visit the White House and commented sarcastically to the effect that on such occasions they are served tea and cookies. He then emphasized that what the Negro really wants is filet mignon, lamb chops and pork chops. Mr. Abernathy noted that although he does not begrudge LBJ the 20 bathrooms in the White House, there are Negro homes without one bathroom within a block and a half from where he was speaking.

~~TOP SECRET~~

~~TOP SECRET~~

Honorable Marvin Watson

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The May 24, 1965, issue of the "Congressional Record" contained remarks by Congressman Joe Waggoner of Louisiana concerning connections between the Communist Party and leaders of the civil rights movement. Included in his remarks was an item from the "National Review Bulletin" which stated that "Rev. Ralph Abernathy, a close associate of Martin Luther King, speaking in Philadelphia, rounded out remarks on civil rights with a plea for a negotiated peace in Vietnam and admission of Red China to the U.N." (100-442706-9)

The files of the FBI Identification Division were reviewed on Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy. They revealed the following arrests under FBI number 842850 D: arrested February 22, 1956, by the Sheriff's Office, Montgomery, Alabama, in violation of a state law, disposition unknown; arrested on May 25, 1961, by the Sheriff's Office, Montgomery, Alabama, and charged with "disorderly conduct-unlawful assembly." He was fined \$100 on that occasion and sentenced to 30 days hard labor. On April 12, 1963, he was arrested by the Birmingham, Alabama, Police Department for parading without permit. Disposition of this arrest is unknown.

In addition to the above data concerning Mr. Abernathy, there is attached a copy of a memorandum containing information reflecting on his moral character. A copy of this memorandum was furnished to Mr. Walter Jenkins on January 14, 1964, by Assistant Director Cartha D. DeLoach. Mr. Jenkins read this entire report and advised that it was not necessary to leave this report with him since he would orally brief President Johnson on this matter.

Upon removal of classified enclosure, this letter becomes unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE: Upon approval, this letter, with enclosure, should be returned to Mr. DeLoach's office for personal delivery to the White House, See M. A. Jones to DeLoach memo dated 11-2-65, captioned "Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy."

Enclosure

~~TOP SECRET~~

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Cartha D. DeLoach, FBI

DATE: Oct. 28, 1965

FROM : Mildred Stegall

SUBJECT: FBI Investigation

Subject's Name REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Present Address First Vice President, Southern Christian Leadership

Conference, 334 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia
CLIFF ALEXANDER has requested:

☐ Copy of Previous Report

☒ Name Check

☐ Full Field Investigation

The person named above is being considered for:

☐ White House staff position

☐ Presidential Appointment

☐ Position with another Agency

ATTACHMENTS:

☐ SF 86 (in duplicate)

☐ SF 87, Fingerprint Card

☐ Biography

REMARKS:

REPORT SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY FBI TO: MILDRED STEGALL

ENCLOSURE

100-442206-10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Tolson _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
DeLoach _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11-2-65

FROM : M. A. Jones

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY

The White House has requested a name check of our files on captioned individual who, it has been learned, is being considered for an invitation to attend a civil rights conference to be held at the White House later this month.

Our files show that in his position as Vice President and Treasurer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Mr. Abernathy has, along with Martin Luther King, a number of contacts with individuals having communist backgrounds. Some of these include Stanley Levison. Being sent as an enclosure to this letter is a memorandum prepared on January 10, 1964, captioned "Communist Party, USA, Negro Question, Communist Influence in Racial Matters" which contains detailed information pointing out the moral degeneracy of King and Abernathy. Pursuant to the Director's instructions, you, Mr. DeLoach, showed a copy of this report to Mr. Walter Jenkins on January 14, 1964, at which time he read this report in its entirety. You advised Mr. Jenkins that the Director indicated you should leave this report with him, Mr. Jenkins, if he desired to let the President personally read it. Jenkins advised that he was sufficiently aware of the facts that he could verbally advise the President of this matter. Consequently, a copy of this report was not left with Mr. Jenkins.

In order to give the White House the full story on Abernathy, it is felt that the attached letter, with enclosure, be personally delivered to Mr. Watson by you, Mr. DeLoach.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter dated 11-3-65 to Mr. Watson, with enclosure, captioned as noted above, be personally delivered by you, Mr. DeLoach, to Mr. Watson.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Belmont - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Mohr - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Gale - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosure

EX-112

REC-40

100-442706-11

NOV 17 1965

1- XEROX
800

CRIME RE

F B I

Date: 1/21/66

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-New)

RE: PROPOSED SPEECH BY RALPH ABERNATHY,
EXECUTIVE OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, 1/23/66,
AT FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and
7 copies of LHM reflecting information received from
concern-
ing the speech by RALPH ABERNATHY.

Klan informants at Ft. Lauderdale have been
alerted to advise of any attempted protest action by
the Klan in this matter.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
3 - Miami (1 - 157-New)
(1 - 157-1298)
(1 - 157-1087)

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

Date Forw. JAN 25 1966

How Forw. R - S

By

(6) ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY

100-442706-12 1 read unit
MCI-46 100-445233-2

JAN 24 1966

ST-108

SUB CONTROL

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____



*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Miami, Florida
January 21, 1966**

Title

**PROPOSED SPEECH BY RALPH ABERNATHY
EXECUTIVE OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, 1/23/66
AT FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA**

Character

RACIAL MATTERS

Reference

**is made to memorandum, dated and
captioned as above, at Miami,
Florida.**

**All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.**



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida
January 21, 1966

RE: PROPOSED SPEECH BY RALPH ABERNATHY,
EXECUTIVE OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, 1/23/66,
AT FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
RACIAL MATTERS

b7c {
b7D {

[REDACTED] advised on January 20, 1966 that on Sunday, January 23, 1966, the Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY, Associate of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and Executive of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will speak at the Walker Elementary School, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. His speech will commence at 6:00 p. m. and will be sponsored by the Kappa Alpha Phi, a negro fraternal organization.

Contacts of confidential sources at Fort Lauderdale disclose no indication that this meeting will be harassed by any hate organizations.

Fort Lauderdale, Florida local authorities have been advised.

This memorandum is being disseminated locally to the 111th INTC Group, Miami, Florida.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your office.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY [REDACTED]

b7c

ENCLOSURE

100-442706-12

445233

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/22/66

FROM : SAC, Miami (157-1570) (C)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED SPEECH BY RALPH ABERNATHY,
EXECUTIVE OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, 1/23/66,
AT FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Miami airtel to the Bureau dated 1/21/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and
seven copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting infor-
mation received from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] concerning the speech by RALPH
ABERNATHY made on January 23, 1966.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY [REDACTED]

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRO

Date Forw. MAR 29 1966

How Forw. R-5

By [REDACTED]

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
- 3 - Miami (1 - 157-1570)
(1 - 157-1298)
(1 - 157-1087)

1 RACIAL UNIT

2 [REDACTED]

100-442706-13

~~100-442706-13~~

REC-21

1 MAR 24 1966

(5)
PHOTO ENCL

Re: Abernathy



MAR 29 1966

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
March 22, 1966

RE: PROPOSED SPEECH BY RALPH ABERNATHY,
EXECUTIVE OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, JANUARY 23, 1966,
AT FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum captioned as above
and dated January 21, 1966.

67C
67D
[REDACTED] advised on March 16, 1966, that the Reverend Ralph
Abernathy had appeared in Fort Lauderdale on January 23,
1966, and spoke at the Walker Elementary School, Fort
Lauderdale, Florida, at approximately 6 p.m. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated this speech was well attended by an audience
of over 200 people, and Abernathy was well received. He
stated no attempts were made by any groups to oppose this
speech and it went off without any untoward incident.

This memorandum is being disseminated locally to
the 111th INTC Group, Miami, Florida.

This document contains neither recommendations
nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI
and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not
to be distributed outside your agency.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY [REDACTED]

67C

100-442706-13

~~100-442706-13~~
ENCLOSURE 2

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Classified by [REDACTED] b7c
Declassify on: OADR
7-13-92

SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY

(See Correlation Summaries dated 7/13/61 filed as 100-442706-X, and dated 5/3/65 filed as 100-442706-7)

Main File No: 100-442706

Date: 7/11/67

Subject: Ralph David Abernathy

Date Searched: 2/21/67

b7c
All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

SUMMARY

~~Ralph David Abernathy
One Abernathy
R. D. Abernathy
R. O. Abernathy
Ralph Abernathy
Ralph B. Abernathy~~

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE

~~Ralph C. Abernathy
Ralph D. Abernathy
Ralph O. Abernathy
Ralph T. Abernathy
Ralph Abernethy
Ralph D. Abernethy~~

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY.

THIS SUMMARY HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION. IT IS DESIGNED TO FURNISH A SYNOPSIS OF THE INFORMATION SET OUT IN EACH REFERENCE, AND IN MANY CASES THE ORIGINAL SERIAL WILL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION IN MORE DETAIL.

Analyst

Coordinator

Approved

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1-ENCLOSURE

Enclosures Behind File - Search Slips only

54 JUL 19 1967

17 JUL 12 1967

b7c
CONFIDENTIAL

64-100-442706-14

LOCALITIES

	PAGE
USA	4
England	16
France	16
Jamaica	18

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ABBREVIATIONS

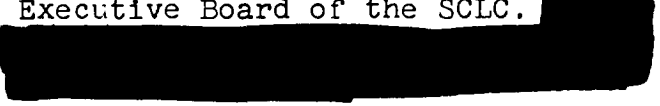
Add. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Ralph David Abernathy can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary.

SCLC.....Southern Christian Leadership Conference

*****.

GLOSSARY

Randolph T. Blackwell:

Program Director and a member of the Executive Board of the SCLC. 

b7C
b7D

Clarence Jones:

Attorney, NYC, assisted with legal affairs of SCLC. General Counsel to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, a fund-raising adjunct of the SCLC. During the mid-1950's Jones held a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League.

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

President of SCLC.

Bernard Lee:

Special Aide to the President of SCLC.

Stanley Levison:

Reported to be a secret member of the CP, USA in July, 1963. In late 1963 or early 1964, he criticized

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

GLOSSARY

Stanley Levison:

the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. Levison was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position on civil rights. His differences with the CP, however, were merely tactical and he continued his ideological adherence to Communism.

Bayard Rustin:

(
b7C
b7D
(

[REDACTED]
In February, 1957, he was Executive Secretary, War Resisters League [REDACTED]

In 1963 he directed the civil rights March on Washington.

Harry Wachtel:

Attorney, NYC, assisted with legal affairs of SCLC. In December 1949, Wachtel was active member of the National Lawyers Guild. He was reportedly Executive Vice-President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, an adjunct of the SCLC.

Hosea Williams:

Director of Political Education and Voter Registration of SCLC. Also Director of Special Projects, SCLC.

Andrew J. Young:

Executive Director of SCLC, and Executive Secretary to Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

b1 On 9/15/64 [REDACTED] (c)
disclosed a copy of a Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF)
(100-10355) communication which enclosed a pamphlet entitled "Upside
Down Justice - The Albany Cases", prepared and distributed by the SCEF
in support of the "grass-roots movement" in the South. Also enclosed
was a petition addressed to President Lyndon B. Johnson for an executive
order to set aside the sentences of the leaders of the Albany (Ga.) move-
ment*. The petition listed Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy as one of its signers.

This communication urged the recipients to give support to
the national committee for the defense of Albany defendants and urged
them to help circulate the petition.

100-10355-1096 p.23

(3)

SI 72-1495-235 encl. p.2

(17)

(Copy of the pamphlet
and petition furnished
by [REDACTED])

b7c
b7D

* Civil rights movement.

On 12/11/64 the Bureau furnished information on Dr. Ralph D.
Abernathy to the U.S. Information Agency in response to a name check
request by that agency on 11/25/64. The request was made on Dr. Martin
Luther King's group in connection with their plans to travel abroad.

62-5-21108 encl. p.1

(3)

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RFE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

173-917-5 encl. p.1
(28)

RFE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

173-1-2-62 encl. p.1
(28)

On 2/5/65 Rev. Ralph Abernathy was observed to arrive at the Zion Methodist Church in Marion, Ala., at 5:30 p.m., to speak to a crowd estimated at about 600. His speech concerned discrimination in registration and voting but he made no mention of any demonstrations. He left the church at 6:40 p.m. to return to Selma, Ala. (fisur)

44-17669-129 encl. p.2
(15)

On 2/8/65 Rev. Ralph Abernathy spoke at a mass meeting, sponsored by the Montgomery Improvement Association, a Negro organization at Montgomery, held at the Mt. Zion AME Church, Montgomery, Ala., which concerned voting discrimination in Montgomery County, Ala. Abernathy urged financial and personal support for voter registration drives. (SAs)

44-14106-213 encl. p.1
(14)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The following references in the file captioned "Election Laws, Registrars of Voters of Dallas County, Alabama, Voting Discrimination" contain information relative to the activities of Rev. Ralph Abernathy in connection with this matter. During the approximate period 1/2/65 to 3/15/65 he assisted the Negroes in Selma, Ala., to register to vote. Abernathy spoke at meetings regarding the voter registration drive and led marches to protest the voter registration procedures in Dallas County. He was arrested for failure to obey an order of a law enforcement officer and parading without a permit and was released on bond. Abernathy, and other representatives of the SCLC, planned to meet with Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach in Washington, D.C. on 2/9/65 concerning the registration matters in Selma.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

44-12831-226	(13)
-231	(13)
-324 encl. p.4,8,11,13,14	(13)
-341 encl. p.2,3	(14)
-379 p.1, encl. p.1	(14)
-389 encl. p.1	(14)
-435 encl. p.57,74	(3,14)
-441 encl. p.5,13	(14)
-448 p.1	(14)
-506 encl. p.3,4,6	(14)
-565 encl. p.9,10,14	(14)
-611 p.5	(14)

In connection with civil rights activities in Montgomery County, Ala., a mass meeting was held on 3/16/65 at the Beulah Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., at which Rev. Ralph Abernathy was a speaker. (Exact purpose of meeting not clearly indicated, and no details of Abernathy's speech given). (SAs)

44-14106-278 encl. p.4
(15)

On 3/20/65 the Women for Peace (62-107350) held a demonstration commencing at Huntington Park, San Francisco. They marched to the City Hall where Rev. Ralph Abernathy, and others, made speeches, after which the demonstration broke up. (No further details given). [REDACTED] San Francisco PD).

62-107350-545 encl. p.1
(16)

Calif. 67C
67D
J

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The following references in the file captioned "March From Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, March 21-25, 1965" contain information relative to the activities of Rev. Ralph Abernathy in connection with this march, which concerned civil rights in Alabama. On 3/21 and 22/65 Abernathy was one of the leaders of the march; on 3/23/65 he was scheduled to fly from Alabama to Louisville, Ky., to speak at a rally to raise funds to support the Selma demonstrators and on 3/24/65 he was to return to Alabama. On 3/25/65 Abernathy was served papers by officers of the Montgomery County Sheriff's office in connection with a suit filed by the city of Selma and the Selma Bus Lines. The marchers reached the State Capitol on the afternoon of 3/25/65 where they held a meeting, at which Abernathy was one of the speakers as well as the master of ceremonies. The references indicated that Abernathy was accused of immoral conduct with a teen aged girl on the march which he denied.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

44-28544-3 encl. p.2	(15)
-83 p. 2	(15)
-136	(15)
-200 p.1	(15)
-210 p.2	(15)
-226	(15)
-314 p.2,5	(16)
-339	(16)
-374 p.12,14,16,31,32,33	(16)
-A Washington Capitol News Service 4/27/65 p.2	(16)

[REDACTED] made available a copy of a telegram directed to "Kimberly-Clark Corporation, J.R. Kimberly", which was signed by Ralph D. Abernathy, Chairman, Alabama Boycott Committee. The telegram stated in part "...we call upon you to publicly declare that you will suspend plans to expand in Alabama until Alabama makes it possible for Negro citizens to vote and until the climate of violence and police brutality gives way to law and order for all people. Your support of the effort will be a powerful influence for good in the State of Alabama..."

67C
67D

[REDACTED] K-CC had a pulp mill and newsprint mill at Coosa Pines (Childersberg), Ala., and that about three months before the company had publicly announced plans to install another newsprint

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

67C
67D machine in the newsprint mill, but the installation would probably not be completed until 1967 or 1968. [REDACTED]

Boycott of Alabama is the subject of this file.

157-2897-11 encl. p.1
(12)

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

157-2925-8
(27)

The "Philadelphia Tribune" of 4/13/65 revealed that a meeting of the North Philadelphia United (NPU), a new civil rights organization, was held the previous Friday night*. The paper also noted that Rev. Ralph Abernathy, of SCLC, and Mrs. Fannie Lou Hammer of the Freedom Now Party of Mississippi joined radio personality George Woods (105-158227) in a special program to announce activity of the NPU organization at the Bright Hope Baptist Church, in Philadelphia. (No further details given).

9/27/66. Add. info. according to the "Philadelphia Evening Bulletin"

105-158227-3 p.6,9
(23)

* 4/9/65

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

This reference in the file captioned "Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference" set out detailed information relative to Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy and his activities in connection with this organization during the approximate period October, 1964, through April, 1965, in Atlanta, Philadelphia, and Montgomery. Abernathy was assigned to the Regional headquarters in Atlanta, served as Treasurer and would become Vice-President at Large of the SCLC in the event Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated. He conferred with other SCLC officials regarding SCLC affairs, and spoke at meetings concerning voter registration. He also spoke against the Viet Nam policy of the Government and urged the admission of Red China to the United Nations. *Pa*

Ca

100-438794-393 p.1A,7,13,23,34,36,
(4,20) 55,56,58,60

On 5/11/65 Rev. Ralph Abernathy and Dr. Martin Luther King were the principal speakers at a Negro mass meeting held at Morningstar Baptist Church, Demopolis, Ala. Abernathy urged those in attendance to join the civil rights movement and King stressed voting registration. (Informant not clearly indicated).

44-19016-73
(15)

The following references in the file captioned "Southern Christian Leadership Conference" contain information relative to a press conference called by Ralph Abernathy on 7/1/65, at SCLC headquarters in Atlanta, regarding current civil rights matters. Abernathy commented that there were no communists in the SCLC and that in screening prospective employees, checks were made with the FBI. He stated in effect that he had access to FBI files. It was indicated that instructions were issued by the Bureau to release a statement that Abernathy's remarks were completely false.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-438794-389
-391

(19)
(20)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~-9-

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-438794-392
-396 p.1,2,encl. p.1,2
-408 p.1,2 (Director's Notation)
-465 (Director's Notation)
-521 (Director's Notation)
-A "Washington Daily News"
7/2/65

(20)
(4)
(20)
(5)
(20)
(9)

On 7/26/65 Martin Luther King was observed to arrive at Buckingham Fountain, Chicago, with Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Al Raby, a civil rights leader of Chicago, and others. At the time of their arrival, the crowd was estimated to be about 8,000 to 10,000 persons. King spoke to the group about School Integration in Chicago (157-4 sub9).

After King's remarks concluded, King, Abernathy, Raby, Dick Gregory along with other local civil rights leaders led a march to the City Hall where King addressed an assembled group for approximately 20 minutes. His speech was similar to that delivered earlier at Buckingham Fountain. He stressed the necessity of non-violence in the civil rights movement, and advised that if no progress was made in efforts to improve conditions in Chicago, he was ready to return and engage in another such march.

157-4-9-294 encl. p.2
(23)

The following references on Ralph D. Abernathy set out information concerning his activities at the Ninth Annual Convention of the SCLC held in Birmingham, Ala., 8/9-13/65. A program of the convention listed the host as "The Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights", and the theme of the convention as "Human Rights - Basic Issues - The Grand Alliance", and a photograph of Abernathy appeared on pages 4 and 12. He was scheduled to give a message of welcome; serve as Chairman of a panel on "Visions of Things to Come" on 8/12/65, and be in charge of the "offering" at a city wide mass meeting in the city auditorium

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

on the evening of 8/12/65. On 8/13/65 Abernathy attended a breakfast at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel given by Martin Luther King for members of the SCLC Executive Board. He also delivered the SCLC financial report from the convention floor on 8/13/65.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-438794-473	encl. p.5	(20X)
-523	encl. p.1	(5X)
-546	encl. p.2	(20X)
-716	encl. p.5	(20X)
-789	encl. p.4,6,9,12	(2X)
	(copy of program enclosed.	
	Photo)	
-816	encl. p.4-7	(5X)
100-442529-1395	encl. p.1	(23X)
-1595	p.6,7	(10X)

The following references on Ralph Abernathy concern an All Citizens Freedom Rally sponsored by the SCLC, held 9/13/65 at the New Chapel Baptist Church, Plymouth, N.C., at which Abernathy spoke regarding racial activities in Plymouth. Abernathy expected to stop in Edenton, N.C. for a civil rights meeting before arriving in Plymouth. The references revealed that a Ku Klux Klan rally was held on 9/13/65 on the outskirts of Plymouth and the law enforcement officials feared a clash between the two groups, however, both meetings were held in an orderly fashion and no incidents or arrest occurred.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

44-30186-51		(16X)
-54	encl. p.2	(16X)
-55	encl. p.1,3	(16X)

b7c
b7D

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

157-370-61-138 encl. p.2
(27)

This reference is a Bureau Memo, dated 10/29/65, which reported that Atlanta Office called in connection with an inquiry of Carl Belcher, Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, as to the person to be subpoenaed to produce the books and records for the SCLC. Atlanta advised that any subpoena should be directed to the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy who was Vice-President and Treasurer of SCLC and in charge of the finance department.

It was noted that information concerning the proper person to subpoena in this matter was furnished to the Criminal Division on 10/29/65.

26-355537-50
(2)

Correlator's Note: According to serial 49 of the above file.

This reference in the file captioned "Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference" contained information concerning Ralph D. Abernathy and his activities in connection with this organization during the approximate period June, 1965, through November, 1965, in Atlanta, Warrenton, Va., and Birmingham. Abernathy attended SCLC meetings and was in contact with a number of individuals in connection with his official duties as Vice President at Large and

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

Treasurer of the SCLC. He gave the financial report at the 9th annual convention held in Birmingham, 8/9-13/65. In November, 1965, Abernathy was among the individuals being considered to serve as members of the board of directors and/or of the executive committee of the American Foundation on Non-Violence, which was being organized as a tax-exempt corporation through which funds could be channeled to SCLC. Background data was also set out.

100-438794-1256 p.10,11,12,20,24,
(7) 25,29,31,36,37,
46

157-632-116 encl. p.1
(12)

The following references in the file captioned "Memorial Motorcades for the Three Deceased Civil Rights Workers, Meridian and Philadelphia, Miss., 6/19/66 - 6/21/66" revealed that Rev. Ralph Abernathy was the main speaker at a civil rights rally held at the Mt. Nebo Church in Philadelphia on 6/23/66. He was also one of the leaders of a civil rights march in Philadelphia on 6/24/66.

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

44-33292-10 encl. p.1,3,4
-12

(16)
(32)

The following references on Ralph D. Abernathy contain information concerning his activities in connection with the Tenth Annual Convention of the SCLC held in Jackson, Miss., 8/8-11/66. Abernathy arrived in Jackson with Martin Luther King, Jr., on 8/8/66, and due to King's illness, he officially opened the convention at the Masonic Temple on 8/9/66. Abernathy gave the financial report, and he addressed a mass rally on the evening of 8/11/66. The program of the convention listed Abernathy as a member of the Executive Staff with the title of Vice-President and Treasurer and a photograph of him appeared on pages 3 and 11. The SCLC officers, including Abernathy, were re-elected, and they left Jackson on 8/12/66 to return to Atlanta.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-438794-1538 p.1,2
-1550 encl. p.2
-1551 encl. p.1,2
-1553 encl. pgs. 3,5,9,10,11
(copy of Program enclosed
Photo.)
-1557 encl. p.2
-A "Jackson Daily News"
8/11/66

(7)
(8)
(21)
(1,2)
(8,21)
(9)

67C
67D>

[REDACTED] PD, Danville, Va., furnished information which revealed that on 9/16/66 Ralph Abernathy presided over a civil rights meeting held in a Negro neighborhood in Danville. (No further details given regarding the meeting).

157-6165-3
(27)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

157-370-56-164 encl. p.1
(27)

This reference in the file captioned "Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference" set out information concerning Ralph D. Abernathy and his activities in connection with the SCLC during the approximate period February, 1966, through October, 1966, in Atlanta, and New York City. Abernathy as Vice President and Treasurer of the SCLC discussed their activities with other members; attended various meetings of SCLC officials.

100-438794-1611 p.2,4,14,15,18,19,
(8) 23,26,39

The following references in the file captioned "Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.", set out information pertaining to Rev. Ralph Abernathy and his association with King in the civil rights movement.

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

100-106670-571
(17)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

RFE

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

(Bureau memo, 12/1/64)

~~_____~~ -Abernathy,
King and Andrew Young saw Director on 12/1/64.

memo 177/65)

(Bureau

RFE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-106670-722

(17)

SI 100-106670-634 p.1,
(17) 8,9

(Detailed account of
meeting with Director
on 12/1/64 set out)

(Bureau memo 12/2/64)

SI 100-442529-509 encl.

(22) p.1

100-106670-598 encl.p.1

(17)

Copy of article and
translations enclosed.
100-106670-696 encl. p.
(17) 6,8

b7c
b7D
[redacted] (not identified) furnished
tear sheets from an issue for the week of
12/13/64, of the "Lo Specchio", an Italian
language weekly published in Rome, Italy,
which carried a story by Paolo Cappello. The
story dealt with King's stop in London before
arriving in Oslo to receive the Nobel Prize
for Peace. It related how King and his en-
tourage, including Abernathy, toured London
nightclubs, and noted that King was in contact
with leftist groups there. The article noted
that Abernathy had been jailed 13 times, with
King, because of subversive activities.

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE Y TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

Memo from C. D. De Loach to Mr. Mohr, dated 1/8/65, indicated that De Loach received a call from Rev. Andrew Young, in Atlanta, requesting an appointment with the Director for himself and Rev. Abernathy on 1/11/65. De Loach advised Young that if the Director should be out of the office at that time he, De Loach, would see them.

100-106670-713
(32)

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

100-106670-2273 encl.
(3) p.1

Information pulled from this file under court order of U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.

On 2/17/65 Abernathy in contact with Bayard Rustin (Organizer of the March on Washington) (locality not given). They discussed the poor physical condition of King, and Rustin's agreement to raise money for King to take a vacation. They also discussed plans to lead a march on 2/22/65 on the Alabama State Capitol to protest conditions in that state as well as plans to meet Governor Wallace on that date. [REDACTED] **ba**

100-106670-887 encl.
(17) p.1,2

ba
On 4/6/65 Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones discussed Abernathy's being named by King as his successor, at Abernathy's suggestion, in case King became incapacitated. (Locality not given) [REDACTED]

100-106670-1245 encl.
(18) p.2,3

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.

100-106670-1278 encl.
(18) p.1

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

Washington Capital News Service item, date-
lined Atlanta, for release on 6/16/65 or there-
after identified Abernathy as SCLC Vice Presi-
dent and Treasurer.

100-106670-1504 p.3
(18)

100-106670-1482 encl.
(3) p.1

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

100-106670-1500 encl. p.
(18) 1,3

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-106670-2220 p.16
(3)

100-106670-1546 encl.
(18) p.1

Abernathy stated that King's speech in Los
Angeles on 7/11/65 would be an attack upon
defacto segregation in public schools, dis-
crimination in employment, and racial

100-106670-1553 encl.
(18) p.1,2

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

injustice, and that the movement would be taken to such cities as NYC, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and possibly Cleveland and Baltimore. He also stated that the SCLC would try to end segregation through negotiation but would resort to demonstrations if talks failed. ("Los Angeles Times" 6/20/65; "Los Angeles Sentinel" 6/24/65)

RRE

100-106670-1999 encl.
(3) p.1

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.

100-106670-2076 encl.
(3) p.1,2

100-106670-2152 encl.
(3) p.1

(-)
62
50
(-)
The 4/15/66 issue of the "Miami Herald" contained an article captioned "Better Jobs for Negro Goal of SCLC in Dade", which revealed that Abernathy and King were in Miami on 4/14/66 to speak before the new Miami affiliate of the SCLC. In speaking of better jobs for Negroes Abernathy singled out the city of

100-106670-A "Miami
Herald"
4/15/66
(12)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

Miami for criticism. He thought Negroes should be appointed to judgeships, clerical positions and other higher positions in the city government.

100-106670-2486 encl.
(4) p.2

RFE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

100-106670-2550 encl.
(4) p.1

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-106670-2583 encl.
(4) p.1

100-106670-2623 encl.
(4) p.1

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

On 10/7/66 [REDACTED] Phila-
delphia PD, advised Abernathy scheduled to
arrive Philadelphia, Pa., on 10/9/66 in the
afternoon, and participate in a civil rights
rally at the Arena, 46th and Market Streets,
Philadelphia that evening.

< b7C
b7D

100-106670-2744 encl.
(18) p.3

[REDACTED] advised that on 12/12/66 King
attended an SCLC steering committee meeting
and an executive staff meeting in Atlanta.

< b2
b7D

100-106670-2806 p.1
(4)
SI 100-438794-1696
(8) encl. p.1

7
b7D
)

The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters"
set out information pertaining to Rev. Ralph Abernathy in the civil rights
movement.

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

On 12/28/64 Abernathy arrived in Montgomery,
Ala., and spoke at an SCLC conference at the
First Christian Methodist Episcopal Church,
concerning a voter registration campaign to
begin soon in Alabama. Abernathy departed
Montgomery about 3:20 p.m., 12/28/64, for
Atlanta.

157-6-61-745 encl.
(11) p.1
SI 157-6-61-742 encl.
(11) p.1

7
b7C
b7D
)

[REDACTED] Montgomery PD)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

157-6-61-748 encl.
(27) p.1,3

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

157-6-2-1769 encl.
(23) p.1

On 3/12/65 Abernathy was the featured speaker at a mass meeting sponsored by the Freedom Movement Council of Gary, Indiana, at the Van Buren Baptist Church in Gary. He discussed civil rights matters in the south and accused President Lyndon B. Johnson of "not saying a mumbling word" while the Negroes' non-violent expression of his rights and injustices against him were being demonstrated in Selma, Ala." Abernathy stated he was leaving Gary to return to Selma to participate in a memorial march in honor of Rev. James Reeb.

[REDACTED] (Gary PD)

157-6-21-399 encl.
(24) p.1,2
SI 157-6-21-385
(24) (Indianapolis Office)
SI 157-6-21-420 encl.
(25) p.2
(Indianapolis Office)
SI 100-442529-1074
(22) p.4,5

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

On 4/9/65 Abernathy gave an address at the Bright Hope Baptist Church in Philadelphia, during which he discussed the racial problem in Philadelphia. He also pleaded for a negotiated peace in Viet Nam and urged the admission of Red China to the United Nations. Meeting sponsored by North Philadelphia United, a new Philadelphia civil rights organization. ("Evening Bulletin", 4/10/65; "Philadelphia Tribune" 4/13/65, both Philadelphia newspapers).

157-6-37-1265 encl.
(25) p.4

On 4/13/65 [REDACTED] advised that students from Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, and from the University of Pittsburg planned to picket at Hammermill Paper Co., in Erie on 4/14 and 15/65. [REDACTED] stated Abernathy would allegedly be at Hammermill discussing with officials their planned erection of a plant in Selma, Ala., and would attempt to persuade them not to build the plant.

157-6-39-646 encl.
(26) p.1

b7C
b7D

Abernathy spoke at a fund raising affair held 4/22/65 at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Boston, Mass., to raise money for Martin Luther King, and a freedom march on Boston. It was believed the drive for \$100,000 was probably successful. [REDACTED]

157-6-5-371 encl.
(24) p.3,4

[REDACTED] protect identity).

On 4/23/65 King led a march in the Roxbury section of Boston, and when the marchers assembled in the area of the Parkman Bandstand he was introduced by Abernathy. [REDACTED]
Boston PD)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

On 7/19/65 Abernathy spoke at a rally held at the St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind., sponsored by the Indianapolis Affiliate of the SCLC, and called to further organize the Negro Community for combatting racial discrimination. (Announcement through news media by Rev. Andrew J. Brown, Pastor St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, an SA, and the 7/20/65 issue of "Indianapolis Star".)

157-6-21-493 encl.
(25) p.17-20
SI 100-438794-421
(20)
(Source not given)
SI 100-438794-457
(20) encl.
p.1,2,3

Abernathy scheduled to be key-note speaker on 10/23/65 for a home coming affair of the First Baptist Church of Burlington, N.C.
[REDACTED] (Burlington PD)

157-6-8-1547 encl.
(1) p.1
7
b7c
b7D
J

On 10/23/65 Abernathy was the key-note speaker for the above mentioned affair held at Central High School, an all-Negro high school, Graham, N.C.
[REDACTED]

On 12/12/65 Abernathy was one of the principal speakers at a meeting held in Montgomery to observe the 10th anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, sponsored by the Montgomery Improvement Association. (12/18/65 issue "Southern Courier", weekly newspaper of Montgomery)

157-6-61-1189 encl.
(12) p.2

On 12/13/65 Abernathy attended a weekly meeting of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights held at the St. James Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala. Martin Luther King spoke on racial matters in Alabama.
[REDACTED]

157-6-4-2326 encl.
(24) p.1

[REDACTED] PD, High Point, N.C., advised that during the evening hours of 5/15/66 three car loads of Klansmen were stopped about a block from a Negro church

< b2
b7D
b7c
b7D
157-6-8-1797 encl.
(24) p.8,10
SI 157-6-8-1770 encl.
(24) p.2

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

where Abernathy was speaking. No incidents occurred and the group moved on. During his speech Abernathy called for a nationwide boycott of the furniture industry to get them to hire more Negroes, and stated he and Martin Luther King stood ready to march in High Point if necessary and would stay "until the walls of segregation come down."

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Confidential Source, Memphis (protect identity)

On 6/9/66 Abernathy spoke at a rally held at the Mount Olive Church, Memphis, in support of the civil rights march from Memphis to Jackson, Miss. He urged support for the march and urged the marchers to conduct themselves in a completely non-violent manner. He would lead march on 6/10/66 from Memphis to Como, Miss. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Memphis PD, protect identity; 6/10/66 issue of the Memphis "Commercial Appeal")

Abernathy would probably be the leader of the March on a day-to-day basis. [REDACTED] protect identity).

(continued)

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

[REDACTED]
N.C. State Bureau of
Investigation)
SI 157-6-8-1765 encl.
(33) p.2,3

[REDACTED]
157-6-28-1045 encl.
(25) p.3,4

157-6-28-1014 encl.
(25) p.4,5,6

b7C
b7D

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

On 6/10/66 Abernathy was one of the leaders of a civil rights march, which was the continuation of the march from Memphis to Jackson, Miss., started by James H. Meredith on 6/5/66, who was shot on 6/6/66. The march started near Como, Miss., and marched approximately 16 miles. (Bureau memo, 6/11/66)

157-6-54-1387
(26)

During the civil rights march to Jackson, Miss., the marchers held a rally on 6/21/66 at the marcher's camp site at Yazoo City, Miss., and the speakers at this rally included Abernathy. (Jackson teletype 6/22/66)

157-6-54-1438
(26)

Abernathy accompanied Martin Luther King and other aides from the SCLC to Philadelphia, Miss., to participate in a memorial march and motorcades in Neshoba County on 6/21/66 for the three deceased civil rights workers, James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, slain in Neshoba County 6/21/64. (Mississippi law enforcement officers, SAs and Department of Justice representatives)

157-6-54-1499 encl.
(26) p.1

On 6/22/66 the marchers in the civil rights march to Jackson, Miss., traveled about 14 miles from Yazoo City to a campsite near Benton, Miss. At the conclusion of this march Hosea Williams announced that on 6/23/66 voter registration rallies would be held simultaneously in Canton and Philadelphia, Miss., and that Abernathy would lead the Philadelphia rally. (Bureau memo, 6/23/66)

157-6-54-1457 encl.
(26) p.1

On 6/26/66 Abernathy participated in the James H. Meredith March to Jackson, Miss. He marched from Tougaloo to Jackson to take part in the gigantic rally held at the state capitol on 6/26/66 in regard to racial matters.

157-6-54-1522 encl.
(26) p.1

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

Representatives of the SCLC resided at the Holiday Inn while in Jackson, but checked out on 6/27/66, and Abernathy and other SCLC officials left Jackson on 6/27/66 enroute to Atlanta. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chicago PD, advised that Martin Luther King, accompanied by Abernathy and Al Raby, of the Co-ordinating Council of Community Organizations, planned to lead a number of rallies in parks and beaches on Chicago's south and west sides on 7/4/66.

7
b7C
b7D

157-6-9-2867 encl.
(24) p.12,14,15

On 7/4/66 these individuals were observed in the various localities. King urged all his listeners to participate in the Chicago freedom rally and march being held on 7/10/66 at Soldiers Field in Chicago.

The 7/1/66 issue of the "Chicago American" listed Abernathy as one of the speakers for the 7/10/66 rally and march for freedom, jobs, open housing and education.

7 157-6-54-1571 encl.
(27) p.2,3

62
b7D

(continue d)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

On 7/13/66 Abernathy was the principal speaker at a civil rights rally held at New Hope Church, Grenada, Miss. He used patriotism as his theme and said that colored men had died in every war for freedom and it might be necessary that they die in Grenada. (Source not clearly indicated)

157-6-54-1562 p.3
(26)
SI 157-6-54-1569 encl.
(27) p.7
SI 157-6-54-1572 encl.
(27) p.3

On 7/26/66 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that Abernathy had been invited to speak at a march and rally, on 7/31/66, Harvey, Ill., featuring Martin Luther King, Jr., however, the rally had been cancelled.

157-6-9-2884 encl. 7
(24) p.1 b7c
b7D
)

Concerning the Watts Summer Festival, Los Angeles (LA) 8/12-14/66, the news media of LA announced that due to illness Martin Luther King would not speak in LA 8/14/66 at the Second Baptist Church in LA as previously announced, but would be represented by his aide, Rev. Abernathy.

157-6-26-1063
(32)
SI 100-106670-2664 encl.
(4) p.1

Abernathy scheduled to be a principal speaker at the annual convention of the Jefferson County Sunday School Association, August 23-25, 1966, in Louisville, Ky., and would speak on 8/24/66. ("Louisville Defender," 8/11/66)

157-6-27-515 encl.
(25) p.1,2
SI 157-6-27-516 encl.
(25) p.1
(Abernathy and Schmied met on 8/25/66)
("Courier-Journal" 8/26/66)

At this convention Abernathy discussed whether there should be open housing demonstrations in Louisville. Abernathy took issue with Mayor Kenneth A. Schmied, who had said earlier that Louisville did not have a ghetto. ("Courier Journal", Louisville newspaper, 8/25/66)

On 8/28/66 Abernathy would be one of the leaders of a march by the Chicago Freedom Movement in Cicero, Ill. Prayer vigils would be held at realty firms along the line of march. [REDACTED]

157-6-9-3267 encl.
(24) p.21
SI 157-6-9-3550 encl.
(24) p.48
7
b7c
b7D
)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER.

On 9/16/66 Abernathy was the principal speaker at a civil rights rally held at Bible Way Church, Danville, Va., and sponsored by the Danville Christian Progressive Association, an affiliate of SCLC. Abernathy reviewed the history of SCLC in aiding the civil rights movement, and said unless arrangements were made to dismiss cases pending in Danville court against demonstrators arrested in 1963, there would be more demonstrations in Danville. [REDACTED]

157-6-41-2027 encl.
(26) p.2
SI 157-6-41-2021 p.1
(26)
(Announcement by SCLC officials)
SI 157-6-41-2022 encl.
(26) p.1
("Danville Bee" 9/6/66) **67C**
67D

On 9/29/66 Abernathy spoke to Suffolk, Va., Negroes in Suffolk and reportedly stated "despite all of America's achievements, it is stagnating today on a power keg, and it is about to explode...." (The "Suffolk News Herald", 9/30/66)

157-6-56-435 encl.
(27) p.3,4,5

On 9/30/66 Abernathy spoke in Portsmouth, Va., at a freedom rally sponsored by the Portsmouth Chapter, Virginia Independent Voters League. He repudiated violent forms of "Black Power" as a means of eradicating discrimination and called for the use of "soul force". ("Virginian Pilot", 10/1/66)

The civil rights leaders in Louisville, Ky., planned to hold a mass meeting on 12/29/66 concerning the open housing problem, and invited Abernathy to speak. [REDACTED]

157-6-27-537 encl.
(25) p.4,6

protect identity

67C
67D

On 12/23/66 [REDACTED] advised Abernathy had accepted the invitation to speak at the meeting on 12/29/66.

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

The 12/30/66 issue of the "Louisville Times" reported that the civil rights rally called by the Committee on Open Housing was held on 12/29/66 at the Fifth Street Baptist Church in Louisville. Abernathy, a scheduled speaker, did not appear at the rally, however, Andrew J. Young appeared in his place.

157-6-27-542 encl.
(25) p.4

The 1/6/67 issue of the "Chicago Tribune", a daily Chicago newspaper, revealed that Ralph Abernathy, and other Negro leaders, attended a press conference on 1/5/67 at the Liberty Baptist Church, 49th and South Park, Chicago.

According to the 1/6/67 edition of the "Chicago Sun-Times", Abernathy attended a rally at the Liberty Baptist Church on the evening of 1/5/67. The press conference and the rally concerned the voters registration campaign being launched in Chicago by the SCLC.

157-6169-7
(27)

The following references in the file captioned "Communist Influence in Racial Matters" set out information relative to Rev. Ralph Abernathy and his activities in connection with racial matters.

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER


Manger Hotel, Savannah, Ga., made available a list of individuals who had rooms at the Manger Hotel during the SCLC Convention held in Savannah 9/29-10/2/64, which had been paid for by the SCLC. This list included Rev. and Mrs. Abernathy.

7
b7c
b7D
J
100-442529-268 p.19
(32)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-442529-473 encl.
(22) p.1

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

100-442529-466 encl.
(22) p.1,3

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

62
57c
1
[redacted] advised that on 11/17/64 [redacted] of the U.S. Mission to the United Nations (UN), NYC, discussed a reception in honor of Martin Luther King to be given by UN Ambassador Adlai Stevenson, 12/4/64, prior to King's departure for Oslo to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. [redacted] said he would make reservations for the King party to fly to London, Eng., on 12/4/64, following the reception, via BOAC (British Overseas Airways Corporation). [redacted] furnished the names of the individuals in the party, which included Abernathy.

100-442529-448 encl.
(22) p.2.

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

b2 [REDACTED] advised that a conference between
Abernathy, Martin Luther King, Clarence Jones,
Andrew Young, and Hosea Williams was held on
the evening of 3/7/65. (Locality not given).
The purpose of the conference was to consider
what course of action they should pursue in
Alabama in view of the violence that took place
earlier that day in Selma when the Negroes
started their march from Selma to the state
capitol in Montgomery to protest for civil rights.

100-442529-813 encl.
(22) p.6

The Program for the Eighth Annual Convention
of the SCLC held 9/29-10/2/64 at Savannah, Ga.,
listed Ralph D. Abernathy, Atlanta, Ga., as
Treasurer, and as a member of the Executive
Staff.

100-442529-859 p.5,7,8
(9)

100-442529-948 encl.
(22) p.1,2

RRZ

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

100-442529-999 p.4,
(22X) 10,13

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

Add. info.

On 7/1/65 Abernathy stated at a news conference regarding civil rights matters held at SCLC headquarters in Atlanta there were no Communist in SCLC and the bylaws did not permit affiliation by Communists. (Copy of tape recording furnished by [REDACTED])

100-442529-1381 p.1,
(9X) 5,7

b7c
b7d

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

100-442529-1228 encl.
(9X) p.2

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

On 7/12/65, at 2:22 p.m. SAs of the FBI observed Abernathy, and others, leave the front entrance of Hawk's Restaurant and immediately enter the front entrance of 308 Auburn Ave., N.E., Atlanta. A sign at this address revealed it to be the office of the American Home Mutual Life Insurance Co. (No further details given regarding the meeting)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-442529-1431 encl.
(10) p.2

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-442529-1478 encl.
(10) p.1

100-442529-1582 encl.
(10) p.1

100-442529-1704 encl.
(10) p.1
SI 100-442529-1824 p.2
(10)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

On 6/13/66 Abernathy attended a meeting at SCLC headquarters, Atlanta, with various other SCLC officials. [REDACTED]

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-442529-1859 encl.
(10) p.1
SI 100-442529-1849
(23) p.1,2
SI 100-442529-1853
(10) encl.p.1

62
67D

100-442529-1899
(23)
SI 100-442529-1923
(10) encl.p.1

On 9/26/66 [REDACTED] Philadelphia PD, advised Martin Luther King, Bernard Lee and Abernathy arrived in Philadelphia to attend "Freedom Show" at Convention Hall, Philadelphia. King stated confusion over the meaning of "Black Power" had been a factor in the decreasing contributions to the civil rights movement; however, a check for \$10,000 was presented to Abernathy at this show, which money was a portion of profits from show sponsored by Georgie Woods, a local disk jockey. (No further details given)

100-442529-2017 p.6 } 67C
(30) } 67D

100-442529-2041 p.4,8
(11)
SI to paragraph 2
100-442529-1970 p.2
(11) (AT-1387-S)
SI to paragraph 2
100-442529-1980 encl.
(11) (AT-1387-S) p.1

62
67D

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

The 10/13/66 issue of "Atlanta Journal" contained an article which revealed that Abernathy attended a meeting in Atlanta of "top SCLC leaders" called by King to discuss the topic of "Black Power" and future programs of SCLC. The meeting began on the evening of 10/12/66 and was expected to terminate late in the afternoon of 10/13/66 or early on 10/14/66.

SI to paragraph 2
100-442529-1986
(11)

[REDACTED]

7
b2
b7D

100-442529-2046 p.2
(11)
SI 100-442529-2045 p.2
(11)
SI 100-442529-2043 p.2
(11)

[REDACTED]

100-442529-2052 encl.
(11) p.1

[REDACTED] reported that on 1/14/67, in NYC, -62 Martin Luther King conferred with Bayard Rustin, Stanley Levison, A. Philip Randolph (President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters), Andrew Young and Abernathy. This conference concerned the controversy over Congressman Adam Clayton Powell and in particular, the refusal of Congress to seat Powell. Randolph announced he would hold a meeting in his office in NYC on 1/16/67 to discuss with civil rights leaders and other leaders in various walks of life, Powell's arrogance and misconduct and they should then issue a statement pointing out that the Negro leadership did not condone his conduct. Representatives from SCLC (not named) were to attend this meeting.

100-442529-2057 encl.
(23) p.1

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The following references in the file captioned "Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference" set out information pertaining to Rev. Ralph Abernathy and his activities in connection with this organization.

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-438794-210 p.4
(18)

100-438794-306 p.10,
(19) 28

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

Add. info.

On 12/28/64 Abernathy spoke at a meeting of the Alabama affiliates of the SCLC held at the First CME Church in Montgomery, Ala. He spoke in support of an adopted resolution to begin a "Political Freedom Movement" (PFM) in the State of Alabama. (Plans of the program set out) [REDACTED] 100-438794-223 encl. (18) p.1

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his party** planned to be in Slemas, Ala., on 1/2/65, in a mass rally to officially begin the PFM at Brown's CME Church. [REDACTED]

100-438794-296 encl. (1) p.3

(continued)

** Evidently included Abernathy.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

b1

[REDACTED]

100-438794-293 encl.
(19) p.1

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

✓

100-438794-311 encl.
(19) p.1

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-438794-305 encl.
(19) p.1,2

b2
b7C
b7D

[REDACTED]

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-438794-326 encl.
(19) p.2

b7c
b7D

100-438794-320 encl.
(19) p.1

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-438794-331 encl.
(19) p.1

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-438794-794 p.15,
(21) 39
SI 100-442529-1028
(22) encl. p.2
SI 100-442529-1272
(23) p.62

Levison [REDACTED] were members of SCLC "Research
Committee", NYC. [REDACTED]

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-438794-345 p.1,
(4,19) encl. p.1

100-438794-380 encl.
(19) p.1

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-438794-413 encl.
(5) p.1

RFE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-438794-403 encl.
(4) p.1,2,3

100-438794-438 encl.
(5) p.1

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

On 7/18/65 Abernathy spoke at a public meeting sponsored by the Syrian Temple No. 49 of Prince Hall Masons in Denver, Colo. His speech concerned racial matters, and he urged that Red China be admitted to the United Nations and that the US negotiate in Viet Nam and the Dominican Republic. At a press conference before his speech Abernathy said the three greatest problems facing the US was war, poverty and racial segregation and discrimination.

100-438794-A
(9) "Denver Post"
7/19/65

100-438794-446 encl.
(5) p.1,2

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-438794-522 p.1,2,
(5) encl. p.
2-5

100-438794-488 encl.
(5) p.1

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

On 10/1/65 Martin Luther King, Jr., of Atlanta, was in contact with Stanley Levison in NYC. During their conversation King said "they" (evidently SCLC) had a potentially embarrassing situation in that Abernathy had gotten Andy (Andrew Young) to write to 50 contributors about buying a car for him (Abernathy), and even though only one contributor responded, the car was bought at a price of \$3,000. King said in order to avoid criticism of the SCLC, the money would have to be raised. Levison said he would contribute half and Harry Wachtel would be approached about raising the other half. [REDACTED]

100-438794-717 encl.
(21) p.2
SI 100-442529-1507
(23) p.81

b2

100-438794-783 encl.
(5) p.1

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-438794-857 encl.
(5) p.2

On 11/6/65 Clarence Jones and Stanley Levison, of SCLC, NYC, discussed the financial crises of SCLC. Levison criticized the whole financial situation, including the accounting system, and described Abernathy as pompous and ineffective. [REDACTED]

100-438694-1353 p.15
(21)
SI to paragraph 1
100-442529-1652 p.46
(23)

b2

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-438794-890 encl.
(6) p.1

100-438794-946 encl.
(6) p.1

100-438794-918 p.1,
(6) encl.p.1
SI 100-438794-931 encl.
(6) p.1

100-438794-940 encl.
(21) p.4

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-438794-960 encl.
(6) p.2

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

100-438794-1003 encl.
(6) p.2

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-438794-1100 encl.
(6) p.1

100-438794-1088 encl.
(6) p.1

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

b2

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

On 1/12/66 [REDACTED] advised that Bill Stein (fund raiser for SCLC) was preparing a letter concerning an affair to be held in NYC on 2/2/66. The letter would appear to be from Martin Luther King and the last portion would read, "In order to focus fully on this question (fund appeal), I am coming to New York with Reverend Ralph Abernathy and Reverend Andrew Young, and we hope you will join us for what should be a stimulating discussion - 10:30 AM, Wednesday, February 2, 1966, in the Assembly Hall, Riverside Church, Riverside Drive and 122 nd Street, New York City."

100-438794-1041 encl.
(21) p.1

100-438794-1154 encl.
(6) p.1

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-438794-1188 encl.
(7) p.1,3,4
SI 100-442529-1675
(10) p.1

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-438794-1177 p.2,
(6) encl.
p.1,2

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

Copy of documents enclosed
100-438794-1345 p.1,2
(7)

62
67D
L
Room reservations were made for Rev. and Mrs.
Abernathy, and others, at the Hampton House
Motel and Villas, Miami, Fla., where the SCLC
held a National Board meeting during the period
April 11-13, 1966. The reservations were believed
to be for individuals attending the Board meeting.

100-438794-1346 encl.
(32) p.3

67C
67D
[redacted] protect identity).

(continued)

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

[REDACTED]

100-438794-1363 encl.
(7) p.1

[REDACTED]

100-438794-1458 encl.
(7) p.1

b2
b7C
b7D

[REDACTED]

100-438794-1455 encl.
(7) p.1

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-438794-1492 encl.
(21) p.1

100-438794-1498 encl.
(7) p.1

100-438794-1508 encl.
(7) p.1

b2
b7c
b7D
It was noted that Logan was believed to be
Marion B. Logan, member, Executive Board,
SCLC.

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-438794-1525 encl.
(7) p.1

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to
National Archives.

100-438794-1568 encl.

(8) p.2

SI 100-438794-1634

(8) encl. p.1

On 10/5/66 [REDACTED] furnished information which
revealed that Abernathy was a member of the Execu-
tive Staff of the SCLC in Atlanta at that time.

100-438794-1589 encl.

(8) p.1

100-438794-1602 encl.

(8) p.1

100-438794-1633 encl.

(8) p.1

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

[REDACTED]
(protect identity) advised that the SCLC held a conference in Frogmore, South Carolina, over the weekend of 11/13/66. At this conference it was decided that Chicago would be the focal point of SCLC activity in the following two months period. SCLC personnel would become involved in the Chicago Freedom Movement (CFM), with the specific project to be concentrated upon a voters registration campaign among the Negro residents in Chicago. Abernathy was listed among those who would go to Chicago to take part in the voter registration project.

100-438794-1668 encl.
(21) p.3

[REDACTED] 100-438794-1715 encl.
(8) p.1

b2
b7c
b7D
On 12/30/66, [REDACTED] advised that Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, Secretary, SCLC, Birmingham, Ala., was circulating a petition demanding the abolishment of the HCUA. The sponsors hoped to obtain 400 to 600 signatures of civil rights leaders, Petition to be presented to Speaker of the House the first day Congress convened by either Ralph D. Abernathy or Martin Luther King, Jr.

100-438794-1728
(9)

[REDACTED] 100-438794-1742 p.1,
(9) encl.
p.1

(continued)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(continued)

DATE & TYPE OF INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND SEARCH
SLIP PAGE NUMBER

62
On 1/19/67, according to [REDACTED] Abernathy conferred with Martin Luther King, Andrew Young and Stanley Levison concerning a recent newspaper article (not further identified) in which Hosea Williams claimed that the SCLC's registration drive in Chicago was not succeeding because of the Negroes' disinterest. After much discussion regarding this matter it was agreed that Young and Abernathy should issue a statement repudiating the article.

100-438794-1753 p.1,
(21) encl.
p.1,2

It was believed by the informant that King was in Jamaica, Levinson was in NYC, and Young and Abernathy were in Chicago when the above conference occurred.

The following reference on Ralph D. Abernathy located in the Personnel Records Unit of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division, was reviewed and found to be identical with the subject of this summary; however, the information contained therein has not been included:

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

67-318195-210

(3)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following references on Ralph Abernathy maintained in the office of the Assistant Director, Domestic Intelligence Division, were not reviewed, and it is not known whether they are identical with the subject of this summary:

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-3-116-762	(17)
-1053	(17)
-1456	(17)

See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source will be noted on the search slip.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

INDEX

NAME	PAGE
Abernathy, Ralph David	1
Abernathy, Ralph D.	2-12
Abernathy, Ralph	13-28
Abernathy, Ralph B.	29
Abernathy, Ralph C.	29
Abernathy, Ralph O.	30
Abernathy, Ralph T.	30
Abernathy, R. D.	31
Abernathy, R. O.	31
Abernathy, One	32
Abernethy, Ralph	33
Abernethy, Ralph D.	33

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7/23/93 BY [REDACTED]
334,459

b7c

100-442706-14

Ralph David Abernathy

100-442706

SUMMARY
(Correlation)

AKA:

BIRTHDATE: 3-11-26

BIRTHPLACE: Linden, Alabama } NOT VERIFIED

SPOUSE: JUANITA J. ABERNATHY

LOCALITY:

DC: CALIF: MD: PA: FLA: MICH: NY: SC:

NC: VA: TENN: GHANA: LA: GA: ALA: MISS:

NJ: OHIO: KY: WASH: PR: GER: NORWAY:

SEARCHED ON: ENG: FRANCE

2-21-67

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 1-13-92 BY

334432

b7c

ANALYTICAL SUPPLEMENTAL

FROM CORR. SUMM. DATED 12-3-64

SEARCHED: 2-21-67

b7c BY: [REDACTED]

TOTAL REF: 263

DAVID

RALPH A ABERNETHY

100-442706-

ABERNATHY, RALPH DAVID

ALL
REF.

MF 100-442706

~~DECEASED~~ I 100-438794-1553 ep 3 (PHOTO)

MF 100-442706-X (CORR SUMM 5-31-61)

AIF - 7 (CORR SUMM. 12-3-64)

~~DECEASED~~

I 100-438794-296

~~DECEASED~~

I 157-6-8-1547

ABERNATHY, RALPH D.

ALL
REF.

MF 100-442706

I ~~Do not destroy~~
100-438794-789 up 12 (PHOTO)

I ~~Do not destroy~~
-1553 up 3 (PHOTO)

SI ~~Do not destroy~~
100-225892-365 (SUMM. 5-22-61) to MF7

MF ~~Do not destroy~~
100-442706-X (CORR. SUMM. 5-31-61)

MF ~~Do not destroy~~
-7 (CORR. SUMM 12-3-64)

~~DESTROY~~

I 26-355537-50

~~DESTROY~~

I

44-12931-435 ep 74,57

~~DESTROY~~

I

62-5-21108 ep 1

~~DESTROY~~

I

67-318195-210

~~DESTROY~~

I

100-10355-1096 p 23

~~DESTROY~~

I

100-106610-1482

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1999

~~DESTROY~~

I

-2076

~~DESTROY~~

I

-2152

~~DESTROY~~

I

-2220 p16

~~DESTROY~~

I

-2273

~~DESTROY~~

I

100-106670-2486

~~DESTROY~~

I

-2550

~~DESTROY~~

I

-2583

~~DESTROY~~

I

-2623

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-2664 to 157-6-26-1063 (32)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-2806

~~DESTROY~~

I

100-438794-345

~~DESTROY~~

I

-393 p 1A, 7, 13, 23, 34, 36, 55, 56, 58, 60

~~DESTROY~~

I

-396

~~DESTROY~~

I

-403

4

~~DESTROY~~

I

100-438794-413

~~DESTROY~~

I

-438

~~DESTROY~~

I

-446

~~DESTROY~~

I

-465

~~DESTROY~~

I

-488

~~DESTROY~~

I

-522

~~DESTROY~~

I

-523

~~DESTROY~~

I

-783

~~DESTROY~~

I

-816

~~DESTROY~~

I

-857

~~DESTROY~~

I

100-438794-890

~~DESTROY~~

I

-918

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-931 TO 100-438794-918(6)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-946

~~DESTROY~~

I

-960

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1003

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1098

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1100

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1154

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1177

~~DESTROY~~

I

100-438794-1188

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1256 p 10, 11, 12, 20, 24,
25, 31, 36, 37, 46

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1345

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1363

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1455

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1458

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1498

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1508

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1525

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1538

7

~~DESTROY~~

I

100-438794-1550

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1557 up 2

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1568

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1589

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1602

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1611 p 2

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1633

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-1634 to 100-438794-1568(8)

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-1696 to 100-106580-2806(4)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1715

~~DESTROY~~

I

100-438794-1728

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1742

~~DESTROY~~

I

-H (WASH. DAILY NEWS
7-2-65)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-A (DENVER POST
7-19-65)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-A p1 (JACKSON DAILY
NEWS 8-11-66)

~~DESTROY~~

SI

100-442529-578 p 31, 4570 MF1, encl. p1, 6

~~DESTROY~~

I

-859 p 5, 7

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1228

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1381 p 1, 5, 7

~~DESTROY~~

I

100-442529-1431

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1478

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1582

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1595 p 6

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-1675 To 100-438794-1188 (7)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1704

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-1824 p 21 To 100-442521-1704 (10)

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-1853 To 100-442527-1859 (10)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1859 up 1

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-1923 To 100-442527-1891 (23)

~~DESTROY~~

SI

100-442529-1970 To 100-442529-2041 (11)

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-1980 To 100-442529-2041 (11)

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-1986 To 100-442529-2041 (11)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-2041 p 4,8

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-2043 To 100-442529-2046 (11)

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-2045 To 100-442529-2046 (11)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-2046

~~DESTROY~~

I

-2052

~~DESTROY~~

SI

157-6-61-742 To 157-6-61-745 (11)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-745

~~DESTROY~~

I

157-6-61-1189

~~DESTROY~~

I

157-632-116

~~DESTROY~~

I

157-2897-11

ABERNATHY, RALPH

ALL
REF.

MF 100-442706

~~100-445233~~ (6. by 2 serials -
incorporated into 100-442706 by Cons.) 5-2-67

~~Do not destroy~~
MF 100-442706-X (CORR. SUMM. 5-31-61)

~~Do not destroy~~
MF -7 (CORR. SUMM. 12-3-64)

~~Do not destroy~~
MF -10 (SUMM. 11-3-65)

~~DESTROY~~

I

44-12831-226

~~DESTROY~~

I

-231

~~DESTROY~~

I

-324 up 4

13

~~DESTROY~~

I

44-12831-341 ep 2

~~DESTROY~~

I

-379

~~DESTROY~~

I

-389

~~DESTROY~~

I

-435 ep 57, 74

~~DESTROY~~

I

-441 ep 5

~~DESTROY~~

I

-448

~~DESTROY~~

I

-506

~~DESTROY~~

I

565 ep 9

~~DESTROY~~

I

-611

~~DESTROY~~

I

44-14106-213

~~DESTROY~~

I

44-14106-278

~~DESTROY~~

I

44-17669-129

~~DESTROY~~

I

44-19016-73

NR

[REDACTED]

b7C

~~DESTROY~~

I

44-28544-3

~~DESTROY~~

I

-93

~~DESTROY~~

I

-136

~~DESTROY~~

I

-200

~~DESTROY~~

I

-210

~~DESTROY~~

I

-226

~~DESTROY~~

I

44-28544-314

~~DESTROY~~

I

-339

~~DESTROY~~

I

-374 p12

~~DESTROY~~
~~DESTROY~~

I

-A (WASH. CAPITAL NEWS
SERVICE 4-27-65)
(2 CARDS) kill both

~~DESTROY~~

I

44-30186-51

~~DESTROY~~

I

-54

~~DESTROY~~

I

-55

~~DESTROY~~

I

44-33292-10

~~DESTROY~~

I

62-107350-545

~~DESTROY~~

SI

72-1495-235 to 100-10355-1096, p 23 (3)

~~Do not destroy~~

100-3-116-762

Reference maintained in office by
Assistant Director, Domestic Intelligence Division

~~Do not destroy~~

-1053

~~Do not destroy~~

-1456

~~DESTROY~~

I

100-106670-571

~~DESTROY~~

I

-598

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-634 to 100-106670-722 (17)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-696

~~DESTROY~~

I

-722

~~DESTROY~~

I

-887

~~DESTROY~~

I.

100-106670-1245

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1278

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1500

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1504

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1546

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1553

~~DESTROY~~

I

- 2744

~~DESTROY~~

I

- A (MIAMI HERALD

4-15-66 Date should be

5-17-66 he 4-15-66.

clim & I corrected per
Memo, 4-5-67

~~DESTROY~~

I

100-438794-210 p4

~~DESTROY~~

I

-223

~~DESTROY~~

I

100-438794-293

~~DESTROY~~

I

-305

~~DESTROY~~

I

-306 p 10, 28

~~DESTROY~~

I

-311

~~DESTROY~~

I

-320

~~DESTROY~~

I

-326

~~DESTROY~~

I

-331

~~DESTROY~~

I

-345

~~DESTROY~~

I

-380

~~DESTROY~~

I

-389

~~DESTROY~~

I

100-438794-391

~~DESTROY~~

I

-392

~~DESTROY~~

I

-393 p 1A, 7, 13, 23, 34,
36, 55, 56, 58, 60

~~DESTROY~~

I

-408

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-421 to 157-6-21-493 (25)

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-457 to 157-6-21-493 (25)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-473

~~DESTROY~~

I

-521

~~DESTROY~~

I

-546

~~DESTROY~~

I

-716 p 5

~~DESTROY~~

I

100-438794-717

~~DESTROY~~

I

-794 p15

~~DESTROY~~

I

-940

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1041

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1353 p15

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1492

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1551

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1557 ep 2

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1668

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1753

~~DESTROY~~

I

100-442529-448

~~DESTROY~~

I

-466 ep 1

~~DESTROY~~

I

-473

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-509 to 100-106670-722 (17)

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-578 p 31, 45 to AFI, encl. p 1, 6

~~DESTROY~~

I

-813

~~DESTROY~~

I

-948

~~DESTROY~~

I

-999 p 4

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-1028 to 100-438794-794 (21)

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-1074 to 157-6-21-399 (24)

~~DESTROY~~

SI

100-442529-1272 p 62 to 100-438794-794 (21)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1395

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-1507 p 1⁸¹ 6, 66, 83 to 100-438794-717 (21)

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-1652 p 46 to 100-438794-1353 (21)

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-1849 to 100-442529-1259 (10)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1899

~~DESTROY~~

I

-2057

~~DESTROY~~

I

105-158227-3

~~DESTROY~~

I

157-4-9-294

~~DESTROY~~

I

157-6-2-1769

~~DESTROY~~

I

157-6-4-2326

~~DESTROY~~

I

-5-371

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-9-1770 To 157-6-8-1777 (24)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1797

~~DESTROY~~

I

-9-2867 up 12

~~DESTROY~~

I

-2584

~~DESTROY~~

I

-3267

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-3550 up 48 To 157-6-9-3267 (24)

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-21-385 To 157-6-21-397 (24)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-399

~~DESTROY~~

SI

157-6-21-420 To 157-6-21-399 (24)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-493 up 17, 18

~~DESTROY~~

I

-27-515

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-516 To 156-6-27-515 (25)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-537

~~DESTROY~~

I

-542

~~DESTROY~~

I

-28-1014

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1045

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-29-773 To NF 12, encl. 1, 13, 14, 15

~~DESTROY~~

I

-37-1265 p 4

~~DESTROY~~

I

157-6-39-646

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-41-2021 TO 157-6-41-2027(26)

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-2022 TO 157-6-41-2027(26)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-2027

~~DESTROY~~

I

-54-1387

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1438

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1457

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1499

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1522

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1562

~~DESTROY~~

SI

157-6-54-1569 to 157-6-54-1562 (26)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-1571

~~DESTROY~~

SI

-1572 to 157-6-54-1562 (26)

~~DESTROY~~

I

-56-435

~~DESTROY~~

I

-61-748

~~DESTROY~~

I

157-370-56-164

~~DESTROY~~

I

-61-138

~~DESTROY~~

I

157-2925-8

~~DESTROY~~

I

157-6165-3

~~DESTROY~~

I

157-6169-7

~~DESTROY~~

I

173-1-2-62

~~DESTROY~~

I

173-917-5

ABERNATHY, RALPH B.

ALL
REF.

MF 100-442706

MF ~~Do not destroy~~ 100-442706-X (CORR. SUMM. 5-31-61)

MF ~~Do not destroy~~ -7 (CORR. SUMM. 12-3-64)

ABERNATHY, RALPH. C.

ALL
REF.

MF 100-442706

MF ~~Do not destroy~~ 100-442706-X (CORR. SUMM. 5-31-61)

MF ~~Do not destroy~~ -7 (CORR. SUMM. 12-3-64)

ABERNATHY, RALPH O.

ALL
REF.

MF 100-442706

MF ~~DO NOT LIST~~
100-442706-X (CORR. SUMM. 8-31-61)

MF ~~DO NOT LIST~~
-7 (CORR SUMM. 12-3-64)

ABERNATHY, RALPH T.

ALL
REF.

~~DESTROY~~

I 100-442529-2017

ABERNATHY, R. D.

ALL
REF.

~~do not destroy~~
MF 100-442706-X (CORR. SUMM. 5-31-61)

~~do not destroy~~
MF - 7 (CORR. SUMM. 12-3-64)

ABERNATHY, R. D.

ALL
REF.

MF 100-442706

~~do not destroy~~
MF 100-442706-X (CORR. SUMM. 5-31-61)

~~do not destroy~~
MF - 7 (CORR. SUMM. 12-3-64)

ABERNATHY, ONE

ANAL. UTD

~~Don't destroy~~
MF 100-442706-X (CORR. SUMM. 5-31-61)

~~Don't destroy~~
MF -7 (CORR. SUMM. 12-3-64)

~~DESTROY~~

I

44-33292-12

~~DESTROY~~

I

100-106670-713

~~DESTROY~~

I

100-438794-1346 up 3

~~DESTROY~~

I

100-442529-268 p19

~~DESTROY~~

I

157-6-26-1063

ABERNETHY, RALPH

UTD

MF 100-442706

~~do not destroy~~
MF 100-442706-X (CORR. SUMM. 5-31-61)

~~do not destroy~~
MF -7 (CORR. SUMM. 12-3-64)

~~DESTROY~~

SI 157-6-8-1765 to 157-6-8-1997 (24)

ABERNETHY, RALPH D.

ALL
REF.

MF 100-442706

~~do not destroy~~
MF 100-442706-X (CORR. SUMM. 5-31-61)

~~do not destroy~~
MF -7 (CORR. SUMM. 12-3-64)

ALL OTHER LOGICAL BUILDUPS,
BREAKDOWNS AND VARIATIONS HAVE
BEEN SEARCHED ON ALL NAMES AND
NO RECORD WAS FOUND.

April 22, 1968

Airtel ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12-9-82 BY [redacted] b7c

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - [redacted] b7c

To: SAC, Atlanta

From: Director, FBI (100-442706)

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTER

Reverend Ralph David Abernathy has been elected President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to replace Martin Luther King, Jr. Review of Bureau files reveals that no active investigation has been conducted concerning him. [redacted] has advised that Levison has counseled Abernathy not to appear on two nationally known television programs at the moment. According to Levison Abernathy has taken his advice.

In view of the above, you are instructed to immediately open a case on Abernathy and review files of your office and submit recommendations relative to the inclusion of his name on the Agitator Index together with background information contained in your files.

This case should remain in pending status and you should continue to follow his activities through established informants and sources.

[redacted] b7c

EX-115

100-442706-75

19 APR 22 1968

NOTE: We have never conducted an active investigation on the new President of SCLC, Ralph David Abernathy. Outgoing so instructs field and requests them to submit recommendations re adding his name to the Agitator Index.

MAILED 30
APR 22 1968
COMM-FBI

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

66 APR 22 1968

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Tolson _____
 DeLoach _____
 Mohr _____
 Bishop _____
 Casper _____
 Callahan _____
 Conrad _____
 Felt _____
 Gale _____
 Rosen _____
 Sullivan _____
 Tavel _____
 Trotter _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holmes _____
 Gandy _____

Abernathy Talk At Memphis Set

MEMPHIS (UPI) — Dr. Ralph Abernathy, new director of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was to address a mass rally here today in support of striking city sanitation workers.

King was assassinated April 4 while preparing a march downtown in support of more than 1,200 predominantly Negro sanitation employees who left their jobs 10 weeks ago today.

City and union officials held another long negotiating session last night in an attempt to settle the dispute.

Undersecretary of Labor James Reynolds, sent as a personal emissary by President Johnson, refused to discuss progress in the talks reportedly stalled over the question of a wage increase.

"I can't say anything," Reynolds responded to questioning.

The workers demanded a 45-cent raise when they left their jobs. Mayor Henry Loeb said the city could not afford such an increase and promised to seek an 8-cent increase.

Representatives of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees also demanded recognition as bargaining agent for the workers and a union dues checkoff system.

The Washington Post _____
 Times Herald _____
 The Washington Daily News _____
 The Evening Star (Washington) _____
 The Sunday Star (Washington) _____
 Daily News (New York) _____
 Sunday News (New York) _____
 New York Post _____
 The New York Times _____
 The Sun (Baltimore) _____
 The Worker _____
 The New Leader _____
 The Wall Street Journal _____
 The National Observer _____
 People's World _____

Date _____

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 7-13-92 BY [redacted] b7c

100-442706-
 NOT RECORDED

167 APR 24 1968

66 APR 25 1968

b7c
 file [redacted]

FBI

Date:

4/29/68

Transmit the following in ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED (Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED AIRMAIL

DATE 8-25-80 BY [REDACTED]

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)
 PERSONAL ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR WILLIAM
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-6670E)
 COMINFIL OF SCLC
 IS - C

Reference is made to Bureau's recent request for
 information dealing with immoral activities on the part of
 RALPH D. ABERNATHY

Almost without exception Atlanta's information
 dealing with such matters has been obtained from highly
 confidential sources.

NOT RECORDED
 180 MAY 24 1968
 27

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. DeLoach _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Bishop _____
 Mr. Casper _____
 Mr. Callahan _____
 Mr. Conrad _____
 Mr. Felt _____
 Mr. Gale _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Sullivan _____
 Mr. Tavel _____
 Mr. Trotter _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Miss Holmes _____
 Miss Gandy _____

ORIGINAL FILED IN 100-438794-2156

3- Bureau (RM)
 1- Atlanta

54 JUN 4 1968

Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

Per

100-442706-

NOT RECORDED

b7c

Ravi

AT 100-6670E

RALPH D. ABERNATHY

Little information has been developed regarding promiscuous activity on the part of ABERNATHY.

The Bureau by Mobile airtel 3/5/64 captioned "CIRM" was furnished a copy of a transcript of the testimony of VIVIAN MC COY DAVIS given during trial of case entitled "State of Alabama versus EDWARD DAVIS" at Montgomery, Ala., 11/21/53. This testimony alleges ABERNATHY had normal and abnormal sexual relations with VIVIAN MC COY DAVIS in 1952 when DAVIS was 15 years of age. This matter was publicized in the 6/19/64 issue of "The Herald", Anderson, S. C. newspaper.

67c

On 2/11/65 ABERNATHY was in contact with a woman by the last name [REDACTED] in San Francisco which suggested a degree of affection between them. ABERNATHY apparently had difficulty later covering for purchase of flowers for this woman [REDACTED]

AT 100-6670E

Our limited knowledge of RALPH ABERNATHY suggests he might have had some extramarital experiences. It by no means supports the conclusion his experience has been extensive or may be continuing.

b2
b7C
b7D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b7C

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

May 10, 1968

Airtel

1 - [REDACTED] (Field
Guidance Folder)
b7c 1 - [REDACTED] Field Guidance
Folder)

To: SAC, Atlanta

From: Director, FBI (100-442706)

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

RACIAL MATTERS

BUDED: 5/17/68'

b7c

ReBuairtel 4/22/68.

You are instructed to expedite investigation of
above-captioned subject and submit initial report to the
Bureau no later than 5/17/68.

b7c (6) [REDACTED]

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY [REDACTED]

b7c

NOTE:

Above-referenced airtel instructed Atlanta to
open investigation on Abernathy. Outgoing instructs them
to expedite submission of report.

EX-110

REC 36

100-442706-16

19 MAY 13 1968

MAILED 10
MAY 10 1968
COMM-FBI

Blason _____
Loach _____
ohr _____
ishop _____
Casper _____
Sullivan _____
Conrad _____
elt _____
ale _____
osen _____
Sullivan _____
Svel _____
Potter _____
Sle, Ro _____
Pines _____
andy _____

333
66 MAY 14 1968

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

b7c

b7c

F B I

Date: 5/14/68

PLAINTEXT

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-2052)

SUBJECT: POOR PEOPLES CAMPAIGN
RM
(OO:WFO)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY [redacted]

Enclosed for the Bureau, WFO and Boston are copies of LHM in above matter. Dissemination is being made locally to 108th MI Group, OSI, NISO, Secret Service, and USA's, SDNY and EDNY.

SAS of the FBI who made the observations are set forth below in the order of their appearance in LHM.

SA [redacted] observed the group at the Armory and in the park, on 5/11/68.

SAS [redacted] and [redacted] observed the incidents which took place in the vicinity of the George Washington Bridge on May 12, 1968.

LHM is classified "Confidential" since unauthorized disclosure of information attributed to above source might impair his future effectiveness which could have an adverse effect on the national defense.

- 3- Bureau (ENCLS.11) (RM)
- 2- Boston (ENCLS.2) (RM)
- 2- Washington Field (ENCLS.2) (RM)
- 1- New York

100-442706
NOT RECORDED
183 MAY 20 1968

ENCLOSURE

AGENCY: ACST, CAC, OSI, SEC. SERV.

REPT: TSD, CAC, R10, JDT

HOW FORW: [redacted]

DATE FORW: 5/16/68

BY: [redacted]

MAY 15 1968

Approved: [redacted]

MAY 24 1968

Agent in Charge

Sent

RM - Her

ORIGINAL FILED IN

157-8428-1261



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

May 14, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 157-8428

NY file 157-2052

DECLASSIFIED BY [REDACTED]

ON 7-13-92

b7C

Poor Peoples Campaign
Racial Matters

Reference is made to previous communications submitted in this matter at New York.

Confidential source number one, with whom insufficient contact has been made to determine reliability, but who is in a position to furnish reliable information, on May 10, 1968, stated that the current policy of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) with respect to the Poor Peoples Campaign, is "Hands Off". It was source's opinion that if anything should go wrong with the march and violence develops, the Reverend Abernathy, current leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) would immediately place the responsibility on SNCC.

At 9:30 a.m., on May 11, 1968, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (SA, FBI), observed approximately 90 people arriving in three buses at the Armory, 142nd Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City (NYC). At 12:10 p.m., approximately 200 people, including the group that arrived at 9:30 a.m., left the Armory and walked through Harlem to Sheep Meadow, Central Park, NYC. This group was composed of adults and many children. They arrived at Sheep Meadow at 2:45 p.m., with about 400 people in the group. There were no incidents during the march to the park. Approximately 2,000 people, both black and white, were assembled at Sheep Meadow from 2:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. to hear talks by Reverend Abernathy of the SCLC, Buelah Sanders of the Welfare Mothers, Jean Hudson from Maine, (first name unknown) (FNU) Goodwin from Boston, Indian Chief George Frances from Maine and Livingston Wingate of the Urban League. One person in the audience asked

100-442706

Poor Peoples Campaign

why Malcolm X's name was omitted from the affair. Other than two people being involved in a fist fight, there were no other incidents and no arrests. After the rally, approximately 450 people walked back to Harlem and returned to the Armory for the night.

At 10:30 p.m., May 11, 1968, the BSS, NYCPD, reported Harlem in general and the Armory, in particular, at 142nd Street and Fifth Avenue, NYC, were calm with no reports of trouble.

At 7:55 a.m., May 12, 1968, SAS of the FBI observed approximately 350 individuals proceed on foot and in buses over the George Washington Bridge, NYC, enroute to Washington, D.C. Individuals walking over the bridge proceeded in an orderly manner and boarded buses on the New Jersey side. These buses were to proceed to Washington, D.C., discharge the passengers and then later that evening pick up the passengers for the trip back to New York.

BSS, NYCPD, advised that at 12:15 p.m., on May 12, 1968, ten buses of the Black and Orange Bus Company, passed through the Holland Tunnel, NYC, enroute to Jersey City, Paterson, Passaic, and Newark, New Jersey. They were scheduled to spend the night in Newark, New Jersey. Approximately 350 to 400 people were aboard these buses. This contingent is called the Eastern Caravan and is due to arrive in Washington, D.C. on May 17, 1968.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8466)

5/8/68

Classified by [REDACTED]
Declassify on: OADR
7-13-92

SAC, WFO (157-556) (P)

b7c

b7c

RACIAL MATTER
(OO:WFO)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE

ReWFOlet dated 1/12/68, captioned matter.

There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau eleven
copies of an LHM on the captioned person. Sources in the
LHM:

(c)

b7c
b7D

On 4/29/68, the Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY, President
of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and
approximately 150 regional leaders met with Attorney General,
RAMSEY CLARK. Near the conclusion of the meeting, a tall,
unidentified Negro male took over the microphone. Although
the leaders of the SCLC tried to persuade him not to speak,
he persisted in doing so. In substance, he made the following
remarks:

He had just returned from Germany, we are in war,
he was prepared to die, made references to "Brother MALCOLM
X" and said, "This isn't going to be a nonviolent war."
SA [REDACTED] WFO, observed this person and noted
he closely resembled the passport photograph of the subject
and also a newspaper photograph of him.

b7c

- ② - Bureau (Enc. 11)
- 1 - WFO

(3)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ENCLOSURE

100-442706-

NOT RECORDED
183 MAY 29 1968

54 JUN 4 1968
325

ORIGINAL FILED IN 157-556-9

WFO 157-556

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The LHM is being classified "Confidential" since data reported from the first and second sources could result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise effectiveness, thereof.

LEAD

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Will recommend to the Bureau the inclusion of the subject's name in the Agitator Index.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Washington, D. C. 20535
May 8, 1968

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE

Classified by [REDACTED] b7c
Declassify on: OADR
7-73.92

b7c [REDACTED]

(
1
b1
1
)

[REDACTED] (c)

The SNCC is a militant civil rights organization.

b7c
b7D [REDACTED]

Stokely Carmichael was a former national chairman of the SNCC in 1966-1967, and is currently a SNCC organizer in Washington, D. C.

The Black United Front is a coalition of civil rights organizations in Washington, D. C., to unify the black community.

The New York Times, in its issue of February 19, 1968, contained an article captioned, "10,000 Assail U.S. In West Berlin Rally." This article reported that an American, introduced as Ray Robinson, Jr., who described himself as a member of the Black Power Movement, called on all Americans serving in Germany to go back home and join the Negro Revolution in America. He was quoted as having stated, "We have a war going on back home. They are killing your Negro mothers and fathers. Come home and fight them."

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

100-442706

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification.

ENCLOSURE

b7c

(1)

b7c

b7d

(1)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

"The Evening Star" a Washington, D. C., daily newspaper, in its issue of April 30, 1968, concluded the following information:

Reverend Ralph Abernathy and several representatives of the SCLC had met with officials of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO), on April 29, 1968, headed by Bertrand M. Harding, Acting Director of the OEO. At this meeting, Ray Robinson, Jr., who said he had worked at the Neighborhood Center Number 1 of the United Planning Organization (UPO) and had quit because the UPO was just "jiving," declared, "I'm not insecure no more. I know who I am. I have taken an oath of poverty. You can't buy me." This article further indicated Robinson told Harding who faced him at the opposite end of a long table, "We come to educate you, boy. I'm looking directly down this table at you. You don't know what to do. If you don't know what to do, get out of the way." Robinson further said the OEO should be turned over to poor people.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

F B I

Date: 5/14/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-718) (P)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
RM - KLAN

OO:CI

Re CI airtel to Bureau, 5/3/68 and Bureau airtel to CI, 5/10/68, both titled [REDACTED]

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM setting forth pertinent information regarding subject [REDACTED] as instructed in referenced communication. Enclosed for BH is one copy of LHM.

One copy of the LHM has been furnished locally to the U.S. Secret Service, Cincinnati, 109th MI, Cincinnati, and OSI, WPAFB, Ohio.

Confidential source is [REDACTED] who furnished information to SA [REDACTED]

Appropriate law enforcement official, Hamilton, Ohio PD, furnished pertinent information concerning this matter to SA [REDACTED] 5/14/68.

3-Bureau (Enc. 8) **ENCLOSURE**
1-Birmingham (Enc. 1) (RM)
3-Cincinnati 1-157-718
1-157-618
1-170-15

(7)

C. C. Bishop

AGENCY: ACSI, OSI, SEC SER

DEPT ISD: CRD

DATE FORW: MAY 22 1968

HOW FORW:

BY:

Sent

Per cc destroyed by
Klan Unit

Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

55 JUN 3 1968

ORIGINAL FILED IN 157-6341-5

100-44-2706
NOT RECORDED
172 MAY 23 1968

157
2 MAY 17 1968

1cc detached by
Klan Unit

CI-157-718

The LHM is marked confidential for purpose of
protecting identity of confidential source [REDACTED]

b7c
b7d



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cincinnati, Ohio

May 14, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

b7C

RE: [REDACTED]

On May 3, 1968, the confidential source of the Cincinnati FBI Office, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following to a representative of the Cincinnati FBI Office:

[REDACTED]

b7C

b7D

[REDACTED]

A characterization of the UKA, Incorporated, is attached hereto.

DECLASSIFIED BY [REDACTED]
ON 7-13-92

b7C

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ENCLOSURE

100-442706

ENCLOSURE

APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klanvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

A P P E N D I X

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. (UKA)
HAMILTON, OHIO

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

On August 15, 1967, a source advised that a United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA) Klavern was active in Hamilton, Ohio, with headquarters located at the residence of Lowell Ballard, temporary Grand Dragon of Ohio. The source stated this group has an active membership of approximately ten to fifteen dedicated members and meetings are held only on an irregular basis.

The source stated this group is affiliated with the parent UKA organization which has its national headquarters at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS NEITHER RECOMMENDATIONS NOR CONCLUSIONS OF THE FBI. IT IS THE PROPERTY OF THE FBI AND IS LOANED TO YOUR AGENCY; IT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE YOUR AGENCY.

WA. -----9-----

FBI NEW YORK

4:46 PM URGENT 5-15-68

TO DIRECTOR 100-438794 (CODE)
ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-149194 3P

MAY 15 1968

DECRYPTED

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)-
RACIAL MATTERS OO-ATLANTA

FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT

(CLASSIFY "SECRET")..

ON MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, CORETTA KING
AND STANLEY LEVISON DISCUSSED LEADERSHIP, ORGANIZATION AND
FUTURE OF SCLC AND RALPH ABERNATHY (HEAD OF SCLC)

IN PARTICULAR. CORETTA EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT STATEMENTS
BEING MADE BY ABERNATHY NOTING THAT HE APPARENTLY HAS

BECOME SENSITIVE ABOUT HIS LEADERSHIP AND IS ALWAYS
ON DEFENSIVE. SHE REFERRED TO SPEECH ABERNATHY MADE

ON THURSDAY NIGHT (PROBABLY MAY NINE) BEFORE TWELVE
THOUSAND PEOPLE AND SAID THE GENERAL TONE OF IT

WAS INFLAMMATORY. SHE SAID SHE IS BEGINNING TO GET

WORRIED ABOUT WHERE NONVIOLENCE IS. SHE SAID ABERNATHY
HAS TO STOP DEFENDING HIS LEADERSHIP AND ASKED IF

LEVISON HAD TALKED WITH HIM LATELY. LEVISON SAID
END PAGE ONE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 8-25-80 BY [REDACTED]

NOT RECORDED
180 MAY 24 1968

55 JUN 3 1968

Included in summary to White House
and Attorney General. Date 5/1/81

PAGE TWO

HE HAD TALKED WITH ABERNATHY TWO HOURS BEFORE AFTER TALKING TO ANDY YOUNG (EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF SCLC). HE SAID YOUNG TOOK THE POSITION THAT ABERNATHY ONLY LISTENS TO PEOPLE WHO FLATTER HIM AND NOT PERSONS WHO HAVE CRITICISM. LEVISON SAID HE TOLD YOUNG THAT IF IT IS POINTED OUT TO ABERNATHY THAT CERTAIN WEAKNESSES CAN KILL HIM, HE IS SMART ENOUGH TO LISTEN. LEVISON SAID HE SEES RIDICULE ARISING IN THE PRESS BECAUSE OF INEFFICIENCY OF THE SCLC WHICH WILL BE A REFLECTION ON ABERNATHY. HE SAID HE TOLD YOUNG THAT IF HE AND YOUNG TALK TO ABERNATHY THAT ABERNATHY KNOWS THEY ARE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALWAYS DELIVERED AND WILL LISTEN. LEVISON STATED HE THEN TALKED TO ABERNATHY AND TOLD HIM HE WAS GOING TO BE THE OBJECT OF RIDICULE WHICH HAD ALREADY BEGUN, THAT THE PRESS HAS BEEN NICE TO HIM BUT IF HE DOES NOT ORGANIZE THE MAY THIRTY (POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN (PPC) MASS GATHERING IN WASHINGTON, DC) PROPERLY, HE WILL BE ATTACKED. LEVISON SAID HE RECOMMENDED THAT WYATT (WALKER FORMER SCLC OFFICIAL) WOULD BE A KEY MAN TO SET UP APPARATUS IN NEW YORK FOR THE PPC BECAUSE NEW YORK HAS TO PROVIDE MORE THAN HALF THE PEOPLE FOR THE WASHINGTON (MAY THIRTY) EVENT, AND ABERNATHY AGREED. CORETTA SAID IT IS

END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

IMPORTANT TO GET THROUGH MAY THIRTY BUT IT IS MORE
IMPORTANT WHAT THEY DO AFTERWARD. SHE SAID ABERNATHY
HAS DONE NOTHING ABOUT AN SCLC STRUCTURE TO CARRY ON AND THAT
SOME OF THE MEN AROUND ABERNATHY FEEL HE IS NOT USING THEM.
SHE STATED SHE EXPRESSED HER CONCERN ABOUT THE FUTURE OF SCLC
TO ABERNATHY THAT SHE FELT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR HIM TO COMMUNICATE
WITH HIS TOP LEADERSHIP AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. LEVISON
AND CORETTA DISCUSSED USING JESSE JACKSON'S (SCLC STAFF
MEMBER) ABILITY TO THE BENEFIT OF SCLC. LEVISON STATED
THAT DECISIONS SHOULD BE MADE BY THE TOP LEADERSHIP
COLLECTIVELY. CORETTA AGREED AND NOTED IF ABERNATHY WILL USE
PEOPLE AROUND HIM COLLECTIVELY, HE WILL BE EFFECTIVE AND THE
SCLC CAN GO ON WITHOUT BEING HAMPERED BY "ALL THE POWER PLAYS
THAT ARE GOING TO COME." LEVISON SAID THAT THEY MUST BE FRANK
AND HONEST IN DEALING WITH PEOPLE'S SHORTCOMINGS. LEVISON FELT
THE MOST CORRECT TYPE OF LEADERSHIP WOULD HAVE BEEN A COLLECTIVE
LEADERSHIP. LEVISON AND CORETTA DISCUSSED HER OPINION THAT THE
SCLC SHOULD HAVE A STRONG PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT. LEVISON
DID NOT AGREE. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED FUTURE FINANCING OF THE SCLC.

LEVISON SAID HE HAS NO CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT THE SOURCES
OF FUNDS WILL BE BY THE FALL OF NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

END

WA....JDR

FBI WASH DC

FBI WASH DC

b7c

ROOM 006 520

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY [REDACTED]

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- [REDACTED])

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-257)

SUBJECT: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
RM - SCLCCard filed.
Card sent 00w/1 attached
6/4/68

RABBLE ROUSER INDEX

☒ New Subject☐ Change☐ Delete

Name RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY		FBI Number	
Aliases			
Citizenship ☒ Native Born ☐ Naturalized ☐ Alien			
Subject also on ☐ SI ☐ RI		Race Negro	Sex ☒ Male ☐ Female
Organizational Affiliation			
☐ 01 ANP	☐ 07 KLAN	☐ 12 PLP	☐ 17 SNCC
☐ 02 AVN	☐ 08 LA	☐ 13 PRN	☐ 18 SWP
☐ 03 BNAT	☐ 09 MIN	☐ 14 RAM	☐ 19 WWP
☐ 04 BPP	☐ 10 NOI	☒ 15 SCLC	☐ 99 MISC (Specify)
☐ 05 COM	☐ 11 NSRP	☐ 16 SDS	
☐ 06 CORE			
Date of Birth 3/11/26		Place of Birth Linden, Alabama	
Position in Organization President	Occupation, Business Address (Show Name of Employing Concern) Southern Christian Leadership Conference 334 Auburn Avenue, NE Atlanta, Georgia		
Residence Address 690 Laverne Drive, NW, Atlanta, Georgia			

REGISTERED MAIL

2 - Bureau
1 - Atlanta

66 JUN 7 1968

REC-20

100-442706-17

MAY 17 1968

008200

AT 157-257

RESUME OF ACTIVITIES:

ABERNATHY's position as President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the influence which this position currently holds in the overall civil rights movement creates an excellent potential for ABERNATHY to foment civil disorder by word or action.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100 - 442706) DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-257)

b7c SUBJECT: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
RMSOG ACTION:
(Records Branch)☐ Post and destroy
☒ FileALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY [REDACTED] b7c

This case will be delinquent. 5/17/68

Date of Bureau deadline: 5/17/68

Reason for the delinquency: OTHER EXPEDITE RACIAL MATTERS

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: ON CR
BUREAU 5/24/68AEC zone designation; e. g., OR, CH, etc.: [REDACTED] 15 20 11 10
(This applies only to 116 cases.)b7c ☐ No administrative action necessary.

b7c RACIAL MATTERS

FBI

Date: 5/21/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448154)
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (157-1206) (RUC)
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7c
IS - [REDACTED]
OO: ALBUQUERQUE

Re Albuquerque teletypes dated 5/14 and 15/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of an letterhead memo dated and captioned as above and two copies for Albuquerque.

Source utilized in LHM is [REDACTED]

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 1-13-92 BY [REDACTED] b7c

100-442706
NOT RECORDED
172 MAY 29 1968

- ENCLOSURE
3- Bureau (RM) (Encl. 9)
2- Albuquerque (RM) (Encl. 2)
1- San Francisco

(6) [REDACTED] b7c
Copy to: [REDACTED] State/OSI/ASCI

by routing slip for info.
Date 5-27-68 by [REDACTED] b7c
cc. Airtel L & LHM to WFO-WFO

12 MAY 24 1968

LATIN

ENCLOSURE

Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

66 JUN 6 1968

ORIGINAL FILED IN 100-441154-38



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Francisco, California

b7c May 21, 1968

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY [redacted]

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 16, 1968 advised that [redacted]

b7c b7D [redacted] the Poor People's March rally held at the Oakland Auditorium, Oakland, California, on May 15, 1968, at which Reverend Ralph Abernathy was the main speaker.

The "Oakland Tribune" newspaper dated May 16, 1968 pages one and two carried an article, "Abernathy Appeals For Unity and Abernathy Calls For Joint Action", which indicates that Reverend Ralph Abernathy was the main speaker and that "speaking for the Mexican-Americans, Reies Lopez Tijerina of the Alianza Federal de Pueblos Libres, said all of the people must have their rights, but the rights of the Indians must come first because they were herefirst".

The "San Francisco Chronicle" newspaper, San Francisco, California, in an article on May 16, 1968, pages one and twenty-two, carried an article by "Carolyn Anspacher", captioned, "Abernathy Here With A Warning" and "Abernathy: A Warning.. And Hope", which reveals that Reverend Ralph Abernathy arrived in San Francisco May 15, 1968, after which he addressed an airport conference. "Mr. Abernathy suggested that the thousands of this country's poor - Black, White, Mexican-American, now pouring into Washington may be the instrument by which the U.S. may be saved". This article also indicates Reverend Abernathy addressed a "Poor People's Rally" in the Oakland Auditorium, Oakland, California, on the evening of May 15, 1968.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

ENCLOSURE

100-442706
ENCLOSURE

b7c [REDACTED]

This article concludes by the statement, "Full and complete support for the poor peoples campaign was pledged the Reverend Mr. Abernathy by Reies Lopez Tijerina of the Alianza Federal de Pueblos Libres, who was present at the press conference."

The "San Francisco Examiner" newspaper dated May 16, 1968, pages one and six carried an article captioned, "Fare Row Delays Oakland March" and "Oakland March Delayed Four Hours", which reveals that the participants in the Poor People's March on Washington finally took off in buses from Oakland today.

This article also reveals that Reies Lopez Tijerina of the Alianza Federal de Pueblos Libres and Southwest Chairman of the Poor People's campaign had been in attendance at the Oakland rally in the evening of May 15, 1968 at the Oakland Auditorium.

331 PM URGENT 6-5-68

TO DIRECTOR 100-438794 (CODE) 3M

ATTN: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-149194 2P

DECLASSIFIED BY
ON 8-25-80

80514, 7351, 54688

SOLE - RACIAL MATTERS. (OO - ATLANT)

ORIGINAL FILED IN

(CLASSIFY

"SECRET") OBTAINED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON JUNE FIVE
NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

STANLEY LEVISON, ON JUNE FIVE TOLD HIS WIFE OF
AN SOLO MEETING HELD WASHINGTON, DC ON NIGHT OF JUNE FOUR.
HE DESCRIBED MEETING AS GOOD IN ONE SENSE AND NOT GOOD
IN ANOTHER. HE STATED THAT RALPH ABERNATHY IS HOPELESS
AND WAS ASLEEP DURING ENTIRE MEETING. HE INDICATED THAT
CORETTA KING TOOK HIS ADVICE BUT INSISTED ON GIVING
PRIORITY TO THE LIBRARY (NOT SPECIFIED). HE SAID SHE
TOOK A GOOD POSITION ON MONEY AND ASSURED HIM SHE IS
GOING AHEAD WITH THE BOOK (ABOUT HER LIFE WITH KING).
LEVISON SAID ABERNATHY TOOK HIM ASIDE AND TOLD HIM
THE ONLY TWO PEOPLE IN HIS LIFE HE TRUSTED WERE MARTIN
LUTHER KING AND LEVISON. ALSO THAT ABERNATHY SAID

END PAGE ONE

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF
DATE 12/7/77

3/2
68 JUN 25 1968

Classified by 0080
Exempt from GDS Category 2
Date of Declassification Indefinite
100-412706
NOT RECORDED
100 JUN 18 1968
15 JUN 27 1968
11/23/77

PAGE TWO

THAT KING HAS LEFT HIM AND PLEADED THAT LEVISON NOT DO THE SAME.

LEVISON INDICATED THAT ABERNATHY SENT PEOPLE TO WORK ON HIM TO GET HIM TO STAY WITH THE SCLC. HE SAID THAT HE WANTED TO TELL THEM THAT KING NEVER FLATTERED HIM. LEVISON STATED THAT THE PRESS APPARENTLY HAS NOT LEARNED THE FACT THAT ABERNATHY TOLD A REPORTER IN MIAMI THAT HE NEVER READ BAYARD RUSTIN'S STATEMENT GIVING THE DEMANDS OF THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN. HE NOTED THAT BAYARD RUSTIN IS NOT IN WASHINGTON THAT RUSTIN HAD BEEN ACTED AGAINST. LEVISON SAID HE PROPOSED THAT THE SCLC

~~MUST-LLXXX-LOOKOK AXXX LOK~~

MUST LOKXXX-LOOK AT THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE TO GO INTO REAL ACTION. "THE NEW YORK TIMES", JUNE FIVE, PAGE FOUR, CONTAINS AN ACCOUNT DATED WASHINGTON, DC, JUNE FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, CONCERNING THE MEETING BETWEEN ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK AND PEOPLE FROM THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN. IT STATED THAT HOSEA WILLIAMS OF THE SCLC EXECUTIVE STAFF SAID RUSTIN WAS "OUT OF ORDER" IN MAKING POLICY STATEMENTS.

END

RM FBI WASH DC

 b7c

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE

F B I

Date: 6/10/68

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Transmit the following

CODED

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE

URGENT

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (157-8428)

FROM: SAC WFO (157-1395)

POCAM, RM, OO:WFO.

Classified by [REDACTED]
Declassify on: OADR
7-13-92

ON JUNE SEVEN LAST, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SCLC, BEING INVOLVED IN ILLICIT RELATIONS WITH WHITE WOMEN AND ON ONE OCCASION BEING BEATEN BY FIVE NEGROES WHO SURPRISED HIM IN BED WITH A WHITE WOMAN.

ON JUNE SEVEN LAST, A SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT NOTHING HAS COME TO HER ATTENTION CONCERNING THE ABOVE MATTER.

ON THE SAME DAY, A THIRD CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE STATED THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE THE ABOVE ALLEGED INCIDENT DID NOT TAKE PLACE. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN INCIDENTS INVOLVING WHITE WOMEN AND NEGRO MEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE POOR

- 4 - Bureau
1 - Portland (RM) (AM) (Info)
1 - WFO

10 JUN 17 1968

NOT RECORDED

183 JUN 18 1968

ORIGINAL FILED IN 157-8428-2385

57 JUN 25 1968

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

M Per _____

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via _____

(Priority)

WFO 157-1395

PAGE TWO

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PEOPLES CAMPAIGN; HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT FEEL THAT ABERNATHY WAS A PARTICIPANT. SOURCE FURTHER STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION IF ABERNATHY HAD BEEN BEATEN THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BEATING WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO CONCEAL AND WOULD HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO HIM AS WELL AS TO MEMBERS OF THE NEWS MEDIA WHO HAVE WATCHED HIS ACTIVITIES CLOSELY.

INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, MPD, AND THE USPP HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND HAVE NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ABOVE ALLEGED INCIDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE

REBUAIRTEL TO WFO DATED JUNE FIVE LAST.

FIRST CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

THIRD CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

MAIL COPY TO PORTLAND. P

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

M

Per _____

F B I

Date: 6/13/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)
 FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-633) (P)
 SUBJECT: PO CAM
 (OO: WFO)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies and for
 WFO two copies of an LHM captioned "Poor Peoples Campaign."

Telephone calls referred to in enclosed LHM were
 received at the Pittsburgh Office by Switchboard Operator
 and SE

Copies of the enclosed LHM are being furnished
 USA, Secret Service, G-2 and OSI, Pittsburgh and NISO, Philadelphia

ENCLOSURE

- 3 - Bureau (Enc - 11) (RM)
- 2 - WFO (157-1395) (Enc 2) (RM)
- 2 - Pittsburgh

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 7-13-92 BY [redacted]

b7c

JUN 17 1968

AGENCY: ACSI, CNI, OSI; SEC. SER:

DEPT: ISD, CRD, RAO

DATE FORW: 6/19/68

HOW FORW: KIC

70 JUN 26 1968

ENCLOSURE

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

ORIGINAL

157-8428-2000

100-442706-
b7cRECORDED
JUN 21 1968



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

June 13, 1968

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

The Pittsburgh Office of the FBI on June 13, 1968, received two anonymous telephone calls, apparently from the same male individual with a southern accent. In the first telephone call, the caller stated "I what to tell you ever-loving Nigger lovers that Abernathy is never going to leave Pittsburgh alive." In the second telephone call, the caller stated "I'm going to kill Abernathy. You find out where." He preceded this statement with a reference to "Nigger lovers."

It has been publicly indicated that Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, Head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, would appear at the Central Baptist Church, 2200 Wylie Avenue, Pittsburgh, at 5:00 PM, June 16, 1968, in an effort to promote additional attendance at the Poor People's Campaign, Washington, D.C.

Local law enforcement and appropriate Government agencies have been advised.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY [REDACTED]

b7c

- 1* -

100-442706 -

ENCLOSURE

Investment Counsel, Inc.
800 Buhl Building
Detroit, Michigan 48226
(313) 963-4828

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Bishop ✓
Mr. Casper ✓
Mr. Callahan ✓
Mr. Conrad ✓
Mr. Felt ✓
Mr. Gale ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Sullivan ✓
Mr. Tavel ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Miss Holmes ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

May 6, 1968

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY 334,459

Ralph D. O'Abernathy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed please find an editorial of May 2, 1968 from
The Montgomery (Alabama) Advertiser.

If the basic facts in this editorial are true, as re-
lated, then I believe that this is a matter which should
be brought to the attention of the various cabinet officers
and to the attention of the President of the United States.

Yours very truly,

EXP. PROC.

EX-116

DEC-31

100-442706-18

25 MAY 8 1968

ENCLOSURE

ack 5-10-68

RACIAL

CORRESPONDENCE

MAY 2 1968

The Montgomery Advertiser

Established 1828

Published Daily By The Advertiser Company

CARMAGE WALLS
President and PublisherHAROLD E. MARTIN
Editor and Co-PublisherGUYTON PARKS
General ManagerWILLIAM H. McDONALD
Editorial Page EditorBEN R. DAVIS
Managing Editor**The Leader Of The Great Crusade**

IT IS PREPOSTEROUS but unfortunately true commentary on the recent history of the most powerful country on earth that it is now receiving ultimatums from the likes of Ralph D. Abernathy.

Abernathy succeeded to the late Dr. King's mantle in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference by virtue of an association dating from the Montgomery bus boycott.

King was at least glib and adroit in the guile by which he managed to flummox an alarming number of Americans. But Abernathy is an unpolished and disreputable clod best remembered here for what may have been a record dash from his church office on the night of Aug. 29, 1958.

Panic-stricken and screaming, he was pursued by an irate, hatchet-wielding husband who had accused him of having a relationship with his wife more suited to the pages of Krafft-Ebing's *Psychopathia Sexualis* than a family newspaper.

The wife of his assailant told a Montgomery Circuit Court jury in November 1958 that she had submitted to unnatural sex acts with the Reverend before her marriage, beginning at the age of 15, and that "he never stopped chasing me" even after her marriage to Edward Davis. She had been a member of Abernathy's church.

On the day Davis accosted Abernathy in his office, armed with pistol and hatchet, Abernathy had called her, Mrs. Davis testified.

* * *

THE JURY deliberated only 10 minutes, obviously invoking the unwritten law, before acquitting Davis of attempting to do in the preacher.

Yet, basking in the reflected glory of King, Abernathy emerged from the revolting case unscathed in the eyes of SCLC.

In 1960, he was signally honored by Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah, the subsequently deposed dictator of Ghana, by being invited to Accra for a "Conference on Non-Violence and Positive Action for the Security of Africa."

This was heady stuff for a man who, but for his color and the accident of time and place, would never have been heard from. But he was to go on to loftier things, despite his unsavory background, finally being elevated to King's throne after the tragedy in Memphis.

Monday he led the vanguard of a movement which is trying to intimidate Congress not only into massive redistribution of the wealth to the poor (along with the shiftless), but into changing foreign policy. Vietnam is only one item of the agenda of the amorphous

mass which may number in the tens of thousands (hundreds of thousands, some say) who will attempt to immobilize Washington by late May.

* * *

ENCLOSURE

100-442706-18

IN THEIR initial protest Monday, the Abernathy-led extortionists denounced U.S. diplomatic and business ties with Portugal and South Africa. The United States must not be encumbered, the formal statement said, "with the support in any way of racist societies abroad."

Although Abernathy keeps mouthing the old line about non-violence, this is once again semantic camouflage for the threat of violence unless Washington — the President and Congress — knuckles under to every demand.

Today, the first of the poor people's caravans, as the march leaders describe them, is scheduled to set out from Memphis toward Washington via Marks, Miss. Next week, others are to start from other locations, in the Midwest, South, North and West.

The first contingents of what is designed to be a siege of Washington are due to arrive May 12, with the escalation of forces reaching peak strength for an indeterminate camp-in by May 30. According to the time-table, "major demonstrations" are to begin May 20.

By June, Abernathy's invading horde has it figured, there will be shantytowns all over Washington and the work of government should be paralyzed — unless:

The government meets all demands, including massive new federal programs and handouts, a guaranteed income for everyone, liberalization of welfare programs and regulations, and such changes in foreign policy as the blackmailers may demand.

* * *

TERROR is not the appropriate reaction in Washington: righteous anger is, accompanied by massive force. Unless authorities have the courage to turn back this invasion, by whatever force is necessary, and refuse to be intimidated, the words of Senator Robert C. Byrd, West Virginia Democrat, will prove prophetic:

"I am greatly concerned for my country . . . I feel that we can see ample evidence of destruction of our nation from within."

It would all be sickening enough if the leadership were other than Ralph Abernathy, an unprincipled and unspeakable bum without any redeeming qualities whatever; a demagogue worse than Stokely Carmichael if only because he's so stupid; a degenerate unfit to lead the smallest rural church, much less pose as the representative of America's unfortunate poor.

May 10, 1968

REC-3A

100-442706-18

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY [REDACTED]

334 4591

-67C

EX-116

Investment Counsel, Inc.
800 Buhl Building
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear [REDACTED] -67C

I have received your letter of May 6th, with enclosure,
and certainly appreciate the concern which prompted you to contact
me. I want to thank you for your courtesy in bringing this material
to my attention and for making known your views on the matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 9
MAY 15 1968
COMM-FBI

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent and
no record of Investment Counsel, Inc. We have enjoyed favorable relations
with "The Montgomery Advertiser."

- Tolson
- DeLoach
- Mohr
- Bishop
- Casper
- Callahan
- Conrad
- Felt
- Gale
- Rosen
- Sullivan
- Tavel
- Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Holmes
- Gandy

66 MAY 23 1968

TYPE UNIT ☐

REC-D 912406

REC-D 912406

MAY 11 1 27 PM '68

E B I

REC-D 912406

MAY 2 4 13 PM '68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORT NO. 100-442706-19
 OFFICE OF ORIGIN
 DATE 5/10/68
 TITLE OF CASE
 RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

CONFIDENTIAL

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR
 ADD. DISSEMINATION

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
 OTHERWISE

NON PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

LEADS:

Classified by

Declassify on: OADR

330459 1-13-92

CHICAGO, NEW YORK, AND WFO DIVISIONS (INFORMATION)

Information copies of this report furnished Chicago, New York, and WFO because of subject's frequent presence in those cities.

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Will follow and report pertinent activity of subject.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED

CONVIC	AUTOL	FUG	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO
							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO

APPROVED

SPECIAL AGENT
 IN CHARGE

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

COPIES MADE

- 2-Bureau (RM)
- 1-11th HIG, Fort McPherson (RM)
- 1-HIS, Charleston, S.C. (RM)
- 1-Secret Service, Atlanta (RM)

Cover Page D
 S-Atlanta (157-257)

100-442706-19

REC-23

MAY 29 1968

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency	Request Recd.	Date Fwd.	How Fwd.	By
ICC RAP 95D, S.S.		6/5/68		

Re: RACIAL

ECT.

79 JUN 7-1968

ICC NY 80698D CONFIDENTIAL

Abernathy

AT 157-257.

Copies:

1-Chicago (Info) (RM)
1-New York (Info) (RM)
1-WFO (Info) (RM)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

INFORMANTS:

[REDACTED]

Instant Report

[REDACTED]

b2
b7C
b7D

[REDACTED] is anonymous source of WFO (WFO letter 6/28/60
"Committee to Defend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.")

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Atlanta has not conducted active investigation
of subject.

B
(COVER PAGE)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 157-257

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

By separate communication subject has been recommended for inclusion in Agitator Index.

This report has been classified "~~Secret~~" because it utilized information from [REDACTED] (C) Information furnished by [REDACTED] must be classified Confidential.

b1
b2
b7D

C*
(COVER PAGE)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~



~~SECRET~~
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

May 24, 1968

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☒ may be available through FBI, Atlanta

~~SECRET~~

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service, Atlanta, Georgia
(Registered Mail)

Enclosure(s)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Classified by [REDACTED]

Declassify on: OADR b7c

~~SECRET~~~~CONFIDENTIAL~~7-13-92
334,459

Copy to:

1 - 111th MIG, Region V, Fort Mc Pherson, Georgia
 1 - NIS, Charleston U. S. Naval Base, Charleston, S. C.
 1 - Secret Service, Atlanta, Georgia

Report of:

SA [REDACTED] b7c

Office: Atlanta, Georgia

Date:

May 24, 1968

Field Office File #:

157-257

Bureau File #:

Title:

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
 OTHERWISE

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis:

Subject born 3/11/26, Linden, Alabama, resides 690 Laverne Drive, NW, Atlanta, Georgia, serves as pastor West Hunter Street Baptist Church and serves as President Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Served in U. S. Army 8/12/44 - 10/27/45, honorable discharge, ASN 349 94 505. Credit satisfactory. Atlanta PD records reflect three traffic violations. In connection with SCLC matters, subject has been in contact with individuals having prior CP membership or affiliation. Description set forth.

- P* -

DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDA. BIRTH

The 1964 "yearbook" published by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), 334 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, reflected RALPH D. ABERNATHY was born March 11, 1926 at Linden, Alabama.

B. CITIZENSHIP

By virtue of his birth, ABERNATHY is an American citizen.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~~~SECRET~~

GROUP 1
 Excluded from automatic
 downgrading and
 declassification

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~C. EDUCATION

The 1964 SCLC "yearbook", supra, reflects ABERNATHY is a graduate of Alabama State College, Montgomery, Alabama.

The January 21, 1967 - January 27, 1967, edition of the "Chicago Defender", a weekly Chicago, Illinois, newspaper on Page 20, published an article entitled "The New Covenant Sunday - SCLC Leader to Speak". This article reflected ABERNATHY previously attended Atlanta University and was the recipient of a Doctor of Law (LLD) from Allen University.

D. EMPLOYMENT

b7c On May 17, 1968, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Greater Atlanta, Inc., advised IC [REDACTED] his records reflect RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY was employed from 1951 to 1961 as pastor of the First Baptist Church, 347 North Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama. Since 1961 ABERNATHY has been employed as pastor of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church, 775 Hunter Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia. These records also indicate that since 1961 ABERNATHY has held the office of Secretary-Treasurer SCLC.

As of May 20, 1968, ABERNATHY continued to be employed as pastor of the aforementioned church and to also serve SCLC on a full-time basis as President.

[REDACTED] 5/68

E. AFFILIATION

b7c [REDACTED] SCLC, on May 2, 1961 furnished a SCLC brochure which set forth the history of this organization and biographical data concerning several individuals

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

in connection therewith. This brochure reflected that ABERNATHY at that time served as President of the Montgomery (Alabama) Improvement Association.

F. RESIDENCE

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Atlanta, supra, reflected ABERNATHY resided at 76 Cerro Street, SW, Atlanta from 1961 until 1967. His current residence is 690 Laverne Drive, NW, Atlanta.

In having his current residence constructed, ABERNATHY as of early 1967, had incurred substantial expense. Address - 690 LAVERNE DRIVE, NW, ATLANTA, GA

G. MARITAL STATUS

b2
b7D

1/67

MRS. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

The January 21, 1967-January 27, 1967, issue of the "Chicago Defender", supra, reflected ABERNATHY was married to JUANITA ABERNATHY, Nees JONES.

H. MILITARY SERVICE

b7C

[REDACTED] Georgia State Driver's License Bureau, Atlanta, advised IC [REDACTED] on May 17, 1968, that her records reflect ABERNATHY was inducted into the United States Army at Fort Benning, Georgia, on August 12, 1944. He received an honorable discharge October 27, 1945 at Foster General Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi. His Army Serial Number was 349 94 505. On March 22, 1966, ABERNATHY was issued a new State of Georgia Veteran's Driver's License number V-018805.

I. CREDIT

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Atlanta, supra, reflected ABERNATHY has a satisfactory credit rating. These records contain a report dated February 20, 1962, from the Montgomery, Alabama Credit Bureau indicating that as of February 2, 1961, ABERNATHY

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 157-257

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

was the defendant in a slander action brought by one L. B. SULLIVAN seeking \$500,000 damages. This matter was still pending as of February 20, 1962.

J. *ARRESTS

b7c

On May 17, 1968, [REDACTED] Station Captain's Office, Atlanta Police Department, Atlanta, advised IC [REDACTED] he could not locate a record identifiable with ABERNATHY.

b7c

[REDACTED] Identification Division, Atlanta Police Department, on May 20, 1968, advised her records reflect ABERNATHY was arrested as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
March 28, 1963	Red Light	Fined \$20; City of Atlanta Municipal Court
September 13, 1963	Red Light	Fined \$30; City of Atlanta Municipal Court
November 17, 1964	Lane Ordinance	Fined \$25; City of Atlanta Municipal Court

II. ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

Unless indicated otherwise activities referred to took place in Atlanta, Georgia.

Characterizations of individuals and organizations where available are set forth in the appendix section of this report.

b7c
b7D

[REDACTED]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Q

☒ Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

Section 552a

- | | | |
|--|---|---------------------------------|
| ☐ (b)(1) | ☐ (b)(7)(A) | ☐ (d)(5) |
| ☒ (b)(2) | ☐ (b)(7)(B) | ☐ (j)(2) |
| ☐ (b)(3) | ☒ (b)(7)(C) | ☐ (k)(1) |
| _____ | ☒ (b)(7)(D) | ☐ (k)(2) |
| _____ | ☐ (b)(7)(E) | ☐ (k)(3) |
| _____ | ☐ (b)(7)(F) | ☐ (k)(4) |
| ☐ (b)(4) | ☐ (b)(8) | ☐ (k)(5) |
| ☐ (b)(5) | ☐ (b)(9) | ☐ (k)(6) |
| ☐ (b)(6) | | ☐ (k)(7) |

- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- ☐ Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

_____ Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s): _____

- ☐ For your information: _____

- ☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

100-442706-19 page 5

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X DELETED PAGE(S) X
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
X FOR THIS PAGE X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

AT 157-257

CONFIDENTIAL

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

AFN is a tax arm of SCLC located in New York City of which HARRY WACHTEL serves as Executive Director.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CONFIDENTIAL

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- ☒ Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

Section 552Section 552a☐ (b)(1)☐ (b)(7)(A)☐ (d)(5)☒ (b)(2)☐ (b)(7)(B)☐ (j)(2)☐ (b)(3)☒ (b)(7)(C)☐ (k)(1)☒ (b)(7)(D)☐ (k)(2)☐ (b)(7)(E)☐ (k)(3)☐ (b)(7)(F)☐ (k)(4)☐ (b)(4)☐ (b)(8)☐ (k)(5)☐ (b)(5)☐ (b)(9)☐ (k)(6)☐ (b)(6)☐ (k)(7)

- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- ☐ Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

☐ For your information:

- ☐ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

100 - 442706 - 19 page 7

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 X DELETED PAGE(S) X
 X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
 X FOR THIS PAGE X
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

AT 157-257

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The SCLF is a tax arm of SCLC.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CONFIDENTIAL

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b2
b7C
b7D

In June, 1960, the "Committee to Defend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.," "The Struggle for Freedom in the South" and the "Southern Christian Leadership Conference Student Defense Fund" in a combined appeal solicited funds from the Soviet Embassy, Czechoslovakian Embassy and the Rumanian Legation all in Washington, D. C. These organizations appealed for assistance in defending the Southern Negroes, who were risking their career, facing jail terms and death in their struggle to make the United States totally democratic. This appeal for contributions was made under six names, one of which was Rev. RALPH D. ABERNATHY, Treasurer, SCLC.

[REDACTED]

On August 18, 1961 a news release type communication issued by the "Carl Braden Clemency Appeal Committee" was distributed by the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). This communication revealed that on August 18, 1961 a delegation of Southern Integration Leaders would take petitions, signed by over

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

18,000 leaders in the field of Human Rights representing over 50 states of the United States to President JOHN F. KENNEDY requesting him to free CARL BRADEN. According to the communication, ABERNATHY was chairman of this delegation.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

During the early part of May, 1968, ABERNATHY informed STANLEY LEVISON he was scheduled to speak on May 31, 1968, at commencement exercises of Alabama State College. ABERNATHY requested LEVISON prepare a speech for him to utilize on this occasion and LEVISON agreed to do so.

[REDACTED]

On May 5, 1968, ABERNATHY discussed with STANLEY LEVISON a proposal that SCLC become a membership organization and conduct a membership drive. They agreed the time was appropriate for implementation of a membership drive.

[REDACTED]

STANLEY LEVISON on May 7, 1968, advised [REDACTED] SCLC, he would be unable to meet with him and ABERNATHY on May 8, 1968, as previously arranged for the purpose of discussing how operations of SCLC could be made more efficient.

[REDACTED]

The May 9, 1968, final edition of the Atlanta

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 157-257

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Journal, a daily Atlanta newspaper, Page 2A, published an article entitled, "ABERNATHY Says Soul Force, March to Solve Ills of Poor". This article revealed that on May 8, 1968, ABERNATHY addressed the weekly forum of the Atlanta Hungry Club on the theme, "The Poor People's Campaign, A Memorial to Dr. KING". ABERNATHY declared that the PPC was neither begging nor threatening violence but demanding "with a thrust from a non-violent sword".

The above article indicated that on May 8, 1968, ABERNATHY flew to Atlanta from Montgomery, Alabama, to deliver this speech and immediately after left for Birmingham, Alabama.

On May 9, 1968, [REDACTED] informed STANLEY LEVISON that ABERNATHY wished him to express his appreciation to LEVISON for preparing a speech he delivered in Atlanta on May 8, 1968.

b2
b7c
In early May, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON complained to [REDACTED] it was imperative that ABERNATHY operate SCLC with a firm hand and not spend all his time making public appearances. LEVISON cautioned that if ABERNATHY did not do so, he would find [REDACTED] and himself reluctant to assist him and SCLC.

RRE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Information pulled from this file under court order of U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

III. MISCELLANEOUS

The April 10, 1965 edition of the "Philadelphia Evening Bulletin" a daily Philadelphia, Pennsylvania newspaper on Page 3 published an article, "Get Ready - We're Coming, Rev. KING's Aide Tells City." According to the article, ABERNATHY spoke on April 9, 1965, at the Bright Hope Baptist Church, Philadelphia. During his speech ABERNATHY pleaded for a negotiated peace in Vietnam and urged the admission of Red China to the United Nations. He endeavored to explain this did not mean he was giving into Communist philosophy.

On October 13, 1966, the Atlanta Journal on Page 25 of its final edition published an article entitled, "KING, Aides Confer, Discuss Black Power." The article reflected Rev. KING had called a meeting of "top SCLC leaders" to discuss the topic of "Black Power" and future programs of SCLC. According to JUNIUS GRIFFIN the meeting commenced on the evening of October 12, 1966, and was expected to terminate late in the afternoon of October 13 or early October 14, 1966, and "involved eight members of SCLC's Research Committee". The article indicated GRIFFIN named those in attendance at this meeting as ABERNATHY, JAMES BEVEL, MRS. DOROTHY COTTON, Director of Citizenship, SCLC, "New York attorneys" CLARENCE JONES, STANLEY LEVISON, HARRY WACHTEL, RALPH HELSTEIN, "International President of the Packing House Workers" and BAYARD RUSTIN.

The Atlanta Journal on Page 6A of its final edition December 29, 1967, published an article captioned, "KING's Aide Plans World Peace Trip". This article revealed that on January 3, 1968, ABERNATHY would embark on a trip "meet with heads of state, religious and

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

community leaders in Geneva, Rome, Istanbul, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Saigon, Kyoto, Tokyo, and Honolulu". He would also, according to the article, attend a meeting of the International Inter-Religious Symposium on Peace, January 14-17, 1968, in New Delhi, India.

On May 10, 1968, the Atlanta Constitution, a daily Atlanta newspaper, on Page 1 published an article captioned, "Marchers for the Poor Mass Here" bylined ALEX COFFIN. According to this article, ABERNATHY addressed PPC members in Atlanta on the night of May 9, 1968, regarding the PPC. He promised a non-violent crusade but stated, "I don't want anyone to expect me to be MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. . . . I say to the nation, to the United States, with RALPH ABERNATHY, You've got hell on your hands".

IV. DESCRIPTION

The following descriptive data was compiled from information reflected by records of the agencies referred to above.

Name	RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Date of birth	March 11, 1926
	Linden, Alabama
Height	5' 8"
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Stocky
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark
Address	690 Laverne Drive, NW
	Atlanta, Georgia
Occupation	Minister
	Pastor of West Hunter
	Street Baptist Church,
	Atlanta, Georgia
	President, SCLC

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 157-257

Marital status

Married
JUANITA ABERNATHY
Nee JONES

Dependants
Military service

Three children
United States Army
August 12, 1944 -
October 27, 1945
349 94 505

Army Serial Number

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

AT 157-257

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPENDIX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 157-257

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

INDIVIDUALS

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 157-257

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

b7c
b7D
1
The YCL has been designated by the U. S.
Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

☒ Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

Section 552

Section 552a

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| ☐ (b)(1) | ☐ (b)(7)(A) | ☐ (d)(5) |
| ☐ (b)(2) | ☐ (b)(7)(B) | ☐ (j)(2) |
| ☐ (b)(3) | ☒ (b)(7)(C) | ☐ (k)(1) |
| _____ | ☒ (b)(7)(D) | ☐ (k)(2) |
| _____ | ☐ (b)(7)(E) | ☐ (k)(3) |
| _____ | ☐ (b)(7)(F) | ☐ (k)(4) |
| ☐ (b)(4) | ☐ (b)(8) | ☐ (k)(5) |
| ☐ (b)(5) | ☐ (b)(9) | ☐ (k)(6) |
| ☐ (b)(6) | | ☐ (k)(7) |

- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- ☐ Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

_____ Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s): _____

☐ For your information: _____

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

_____ 100-442706- 19 page 18 _____

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X DELETED PAGE(S) X
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
X FOR THIS PAGE X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

AT 157-257

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

b7C
b7D
1

The Labor Youth League has been designated
by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive
Order 10450.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CONFIDENTIAL

CARL and ANNE BRADEN

Mrs. ALBERTA AHEARN, 2311 Payne Street, Louisville, Kentucky, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party (CP), Louisville, Kentucky, in testifying on December 11 and 13, 1954, in Jefferson County, Kentucky Criminal Court, in a state sedition prosecution against CARL JAMES BRADEN, identified BRADEN and his wife, ANNE BRADEN, as having been known to her as members of the CP, Louisville, Kentucky, from January, 1951, to shortly prior to the time of her testimony.

The Courier - Journal, Louisville, Kentucky, a newspaper of general circulation, on February 3, 1959, reported that CARL BRADEN had been sentenced to one year in prison on a charge of contempt of Congress on February 2, 1959, in Atlanta, Georgia. The story noted that he had been convicted under this charge on January 21, 1959, and that the charge arose from his refusal to answer questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The Louisville Times, Louisville, Kentucky, a newspaper of general circulation, on February 27, 1961, reported that the United States Supreme Court had, on that date, affirmed the contempt of Congress conviction of BRADEN.

The Courier - Journal on May 2, 1961, reported that CARL BRADEN had surrendered to the United States Marshal at Atlanta, Georgia, on May 1, 1961, to begin serving a one-year prison sentence for contempt of Congress.

The Courier - Journal, on February 2, 1962, reported that CARL BRADEN had been released from the Federal Prison Camp at Allenwood, Pennsylvania, on February 1, 1962. BRADEN indicated that he would return to his home, Louisville, Kentucky.

b7c On August 30, 1963, a confidential source advised that CARL BRADEN and his wife, ANNE BRADEN, continue to reside at [REDACTED] and are still employed as Field Secretaries for the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF).

α

AT 157-257

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

A confidential source advised on January 21, 1964, that as of that date, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS was National Secretary of the CP, USA.

"The New York Times," August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 157-257

JUNIUS GRIFFIN

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Source, in June 1964, made available a flyer distributed by the Militant Labor Forum, announcing a party scheduled for May 30, 1964, at 116 University Place, New York City, which was for the purpose of welcoming home the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) presidential candidate. Scheduled to participate in a symposium at this affair was one JUNIUS GRIFFIN, author of "New York Times Series on Harlem Hate Gangs." This symposium was described as relating to "What's Behind Harlem Hate Gang Scare?"

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 157-257.

RALPH HELSTEIN

CONFIDENTIAL

b7c
b7D
A confidential source advised on June 16, 1964, that RALPH HELSTEIN resides at [REDACTED] and is the International President of the United Packinghouse Food and Allied Workers, AFL-CIO, with offices at 608 South Dearborn Street, Chicago.

[REDACTED]

A confidential source advised on June 20, 1956, that RALPH HELSTEIN, 603 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, was a member of the National Lawyers Guild.

CONFIDENTIAL

AT 157-257

CLARENCE JONES

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CLARENCE JONES is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

A confidential source advised on February 26, 1957, that he had identified a photograph of CLARENCE JONES as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of, and in a position of leadership in, the Labor Youth League.

24

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 157-28

KING, MARTIN LUTHER, JR.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

A Communist Party functionary described MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. as a confirmed Marxist in February, 1962.

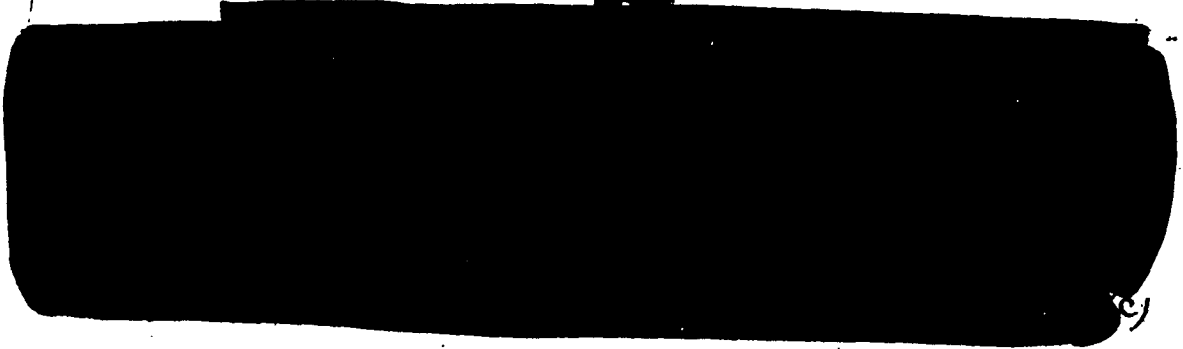
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

25

AT 157-257

STANLEY LEVISON

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~



~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- ☒ Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

Section 552Section 552a☐ (b)(1)☐ (b)(7)(A)☐ (d)(5)☐ (b)(2)☐ (b)(7)(B)☐ (j)(2)☐ (b)(3)

_____☒ (b)(7)(C)☐ (k)(1)☒ (b)(7)(D)☐ (k)(2)☐ (b)(7)(E)☐ (k)(3)☐ (b)(7)(F)☐ (k)(4)☐ (b)(4)☐ (b)(8)☐ (k)(5)☐ (b)(5)☐ (b)(9)☐ (k)(6)☐ (b)(6)☐ (k)(7)

- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- ☐ Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

____ Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s): _____

☐ For your information: _____

- ☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

100-442706-19 page 27

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X DELETED PAGE(S) X
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
X FOR THIS PAGE X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

AT 157-257

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b7c
b7D

The "Daily Worker" was an east coast communist newspaper, which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

The George Washington Carver School has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

BAYARD RUSTIN

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

In "The Saturday Evening Post," issue of July 11 - 18, 1964, page 76, BAYARD RUSTIN is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights." In it, RUSTIN is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party." Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, RUSTIN gave most of his earnings to the "Party." He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The "Daily Worker," February 11, 1957, page 1, column 2, reported that BAYARD RUSTIN, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America, (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9 - 12, 1957.

61 [REDACTED] (c)
[REDACTED] (c)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 157-257

HARRY WACHTEL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

b7c HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at [REDACTED]

A confidential source furnished information in December, 1949, that HARRY H. WACHTEL, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on the list of individuals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild.

b1 [REDACTED] (c)

b7c
b7d [REDACTED]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- ☒ Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

Section 552Section 552a☒ (b)(1)☐ (b)(7)(A)☐ (d)(5)☐ (b)(2)☐ (b)(7)(B)☐ (j)(2)☐ (b)(3)☒ (b)(7)(C)☐ (k)(1)☐ (b)(7)(D)☐ (k)(2)☐ (b)(7)(E)☐ (k)(3)☐ (b)(7)(F)☐ (k)(4)☐ (b)(4)☐ (b)(8)☐ (k)(5)☐ (b)(5)☐ (b)(9)☐ (k)(6)☐ (b)(6)☐ (k)(7)

- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- ☐ Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s): _____

- ☐ For your information: _____

- ☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

100 - 442706 - 19 page 31

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 X DELETED PAGE(S) X
 X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
 X FOR THIS PAGE X
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

AT 157-257

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ORGANIZATIONS

32

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1

W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO (DCC)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

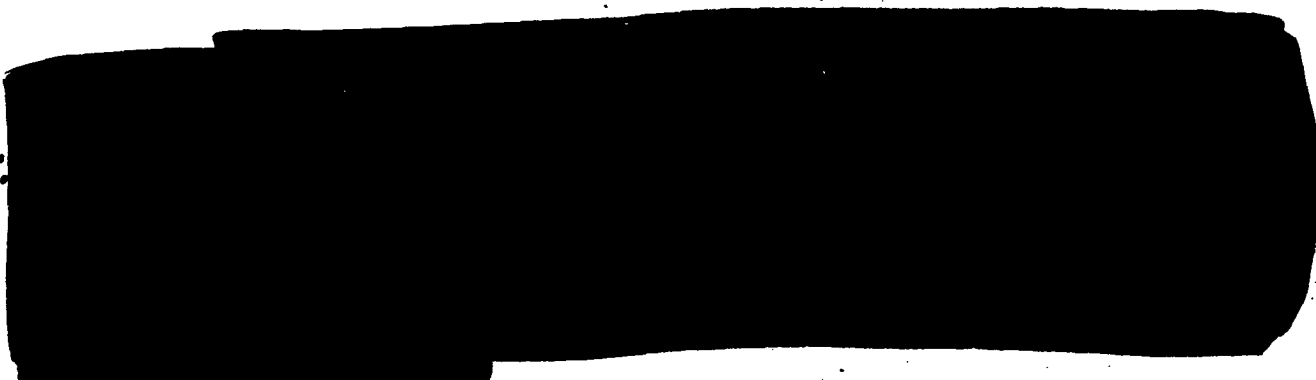
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1
W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

b7D



A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 157-257

GANDHI SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

35

THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild:"

1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).
2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91).

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SECRET~~

AT 157-257

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

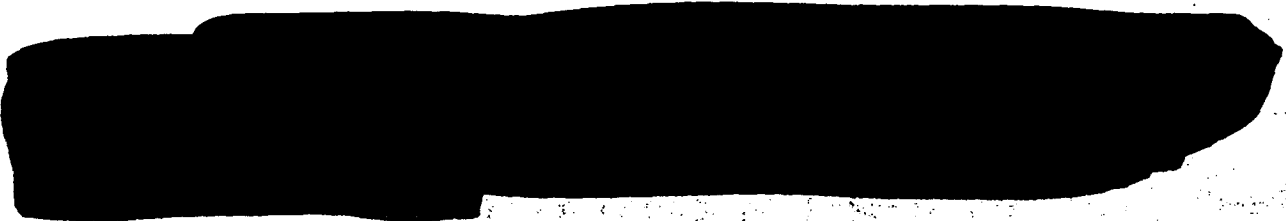
"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW dated April 26, 1946, changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals.

The SCEF is self-described as having deep roots in the South where it began as the educational wing of the SCHW, organized in 1938 to work for economic and political reform. When the SCHW disbanded in the late 1940's, SCEF continued as an independent organization, rallying support for integration and democracy and helping to stimulate and nurture new movements of the early 1960's. The SCEF maintained headquarters in Louisiana for twenty years, but in 1966 moved its headquarters to Louisville, Kentucky.

67C
62D


~~SECRET~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

May 24, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

157-257

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Title

Ralph David Abernathy

Character

Racial Matters

Reference

Report of SA [REDACTED]
at Atlanta dated and captioned
as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FBI

Date: 6/14/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2474) (P)
 SUBJECT: POCAM
 RM
 OO: WFO

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 7-13-93 BY [REDACTED]

Re WFO teletype to Bureau, Chicago, and
 Philadelphia dated 6/11/68 and Chicago teletype to Bureau,
 Omaha, San Francisco, and WFO dated 6/13/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of LHM
 dated and captioned as above. Copies have also been fur-
 nished to USA, Chicago, US Secret Service, Chicago, and
 Region I, 113 MI Group, Evanston, Illinois. Copies
 have been designated for the offices listed below in view
 of their interest in this matter.

- ④ Bureau (Enc. 12) (RM)
 ① - Omaha (Enc. 1) (RM)
 ① - San Francisco (Enc. 1) (RM)
 ① - Philadelphia (Enc. 1) (RM)
 ① - WFO (Enc. 1) (RM)
 ② - Chicago
 (1 - [REDACTED])

EX 106

NOT RECORDED
 183 JUN 19 1968

CARBON COPY

Approved: 325
 51 JUN 27 1968 Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

157 8428-2328

b2
b7D [REDACTED] no information indicating ABERNATHY was in Chicago on 6/12/68 or that any "national convention" was taking place in Chicago in which the SCLC was to participate.

It is noted that the National Conference of Mayors is being held at the Palmer House in Chicago from 6/10 through 6/14/68; however, extensive press coverage has been given to this conference and no report in the press or from other logical sources connected with that conference has been forthcoming to indicate ABERNATHY's presence.

Chicago was unable to determine the identities of the individuals in the group referred to in enclosed LHM since this group left Chicago after a momentary stop at the Trailways Bus Station.

Chicago will continue to follow this matter closely and will keep the Bureau and interested offices advised of all pertinent information.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

June 14, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-2474

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN (PPC)

At 10:45 a.m. on June 13, 1968, a racially mixed group of 22 persons, eight of whom were female were observed to arrive by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the Continental Trailways Bus terminal in Chicago, Illinois. This group appeared to be in their late teens or early 20s and appeared to be of the "hippie type" in appearance. This group upon arrival was immediately transferred to Trailways Bus number 6432 bearing Washington, D.C. license 432.

b7c
[redacted] Trailways [redacted] advised on June 13, 1968, that the above group was from the PPC in Washington, D.C. and their final destination is San Francisco, California.

On June 13, 1968, Trailways [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, terminal [redacted] advised this group was transported from Washington D.C. to Pittsburgh aboard a regularly scheduled bus. However, due to the group's use of obscene language, and unruly appearance enroute to Pittsburgh, the other passengers refused to travel with them and the group was placed on a chartered bus, for transportation to Chicago [redacted] stated he had no behavior problems with this group from Pittsburgh to Chicago.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY [redacted]

b7c 00-442706-20

ENCLOSURE

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN (PPC)

b7c On June 13, 1968, Trailways [REDACTED] this group to Omaha, Nebraska, where they will change buses and drivers for the remainder of the trip to San Francisco. Bond anticipated arriving in Omaha at 6:00 p.m. and provided the group is well behaved, they will stop for a meal in the vicinity of Des Moines, Iowa.

None of the above Trailways personnel were able to furnish the reason why this group left the PPC in Washington, D.C.

A copy of this communication is being furnished to the United States Attorney, Chicago, United States Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113 Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)

Classified by [redacted]
Declassify on: OADR

SUBJECT:

SCLC - RACIAL MATTERS
(OO:AT)

CLASSIFIED DECISIONS FINALIZED

BY DEPARTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (SECRET)

ReNYtel, 5/6/68 DATE: 10-8-85

There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of an LHM containing information from [redacted] pertaining to conversations between STANLEY LEVISON and WILLIAM RUTHERFORD, SCIC Executive Director, on 5/4/68, and between LEVISON and RALPH ABERNATHY, SCIC President, on 5/5/68.

The source used to characterize STANLEY LEVISON is [redacted] and the anonymous source is WFO report of SA [redacted] dated 7/19/50, re: "NLG, IS-C", to characterize HARRY WACHTEL.

- (3) - Bureau (ENCLS. 11) (RM)
 - (1 - 157-) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)
- 2 - Atlanta (100-5718) (ENCLS. 2) (RM)
 - (1 - 157-) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)
- 1 - Baltimore (RM) (INFO)
- 1 - Chicago (RM) (INFO)
- 1 - Memphis (RM) (INFO)
- 2 - Washington Field (100-) (ENCLS. 2) (RM)
 - (1 - 157-) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)
- 1 - New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (41)
- 1 - New York (100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL) (41)
- 1 - New York (157-2052) (WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT)
- 1 - New York (100-153735) (CIRM) (43)
- 1 - New York

Classified by [redacted]
Declassify on: OADR

REC-59 100-11

EX-105

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE

RACIAL MATTERS

100-442706

NOT RECORDED
180 MAY 16 1968

SECRET

54 JUN 2 1968

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

(OVER)

ORIGINAL FILED IN

COPY AND COPY OF ENCL FILED IN

NY 100-149194

~~SECRET~~

Information copies of this report are being sent to Baltimore, Chicago and Memphis. Baltimore is being sent an information copy because of its possible interest in MC CLOUD about whom previous information was furnished.

(-)
b1
(-)

This LHM is classified "~~SECRET~~" because it contains information from [REDACTED] a source engaged in furnishing information about racial matters in the US and Communist influence therein. It also is classified "~~SECRET~~" because it contains a concentration of information from [REDACTED] (S) in the characterization of STANLEY LEVISON. (X)

~~SECRET~~



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 100-438794
NYfile 100-149194

May 7, 1963

~~SECRET~~

CLASSIFIED DECISIONS FINALIZED
BY DEPARTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC)
DATE: 10-8-85

Classified by 8-9-85
Declassify on: OADR

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES

AND FIELD OFFICES

ADVISED BY ROUTING

SLIP(S) OF

DATE 12/19/77

Southern Christian Leadership
Conference (SCLC) - Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 4, 1968, that, on that date William Rutherford, Executive Director of the SCLC discussed with Stanley Levison the SCLC sponsored Poor People's Campaign (PPC) in Washington, D.C. Rutherford indicated that he was impressed with the way the opening of the campaign had gone. He told Levison that people got up and spoke spontaneously, that they (SCLC) did not know what these people were going to say. He recalled one woman telling the Attorney General, Ramsey Clark, that his department chases people who do not want to go into the Army but does nothing about segregated draft boards or about people stealing money from the poor. He also commented that he was one of the persons who worked up the committee that worked on "those position papers", which were good. He said they got up a draft called a Declaration of the PPC based mostly on Levison's work; "it is about 99.9% of that last draft you wrote".

Rutherford was upset over the lack of cooperation from the union in Memphis, Tennessee, which was involved in the garbage workers strike. He noted that he and Cerillo (phonetic) (SCLC Treasurer) were in Memphis and that "we" (the SCLC) had 30 buses lined up (for the PPC) but nothing had been paid for so he and Cerillo paid for the buses but the union "hasn't done a thing". He added that at a church rally the first night in Memphis they raised only \$2,067.00 because they had no fund raiser and the union gave nothing. He continued that they were supposed to meet with the union at breakfast but the union representatives never showed up. Later, according to Rutherford,

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

~~SECRET~~

Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

~~SECRET~~

ENCLOSURE

100-442706-

~~SECRET~~

Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

the union representative met with him, Cerillo and Jim Bevel (SCLC official) in Rutherford's room. Rutherford said he told them that he understood the union was going to donate \$10,000, that the SCLC needed 2,000 sleeping bags for the people (engaged in the PPC) and that he wanted to know where the money was. He said that he told a union representative that he wanted \$10,000, that this person walked out, called the New York Office of the union, and returned and said \$5,000 had been approved and that they would get the other \$5,000. ✓

Rutherford stated that eventually a union official, Ralph Worth (phonetic), called Ralph (Abernathy), head of the SCLC) and said whatever his staff told Abernathy that would be the way it is. He said that two hours later they had \$10,000. ✓

Levison was incensed noting that the union had received \$50,000 a week or two before the strike ended. Rutherford agreed noting that Walter Reuther brought them \$50,000 and someone else brought them \$100,000. Levison stated what Rutherford did was right but that it was not enough. Rutherford said he felt the union should maintain all the people in Washington who came from Memphis for the PPC. ✓

Levison stated he would put this task before all the unions and threaten them that they (the SCLC) would make public the fact that, while other people have been giving, the group that Martin Luther King gave his life for, has done next to nothing. Levison added that they (the unions) should be told that they have to come up with \$250,000 collectively. ✓

Rutherford said he could see how the PPC could cost them a million dollars. He said that as of that day the balance in the conference (SCLC) account was \$328,000 and \$291,000 in the Foundation account giving them about \$600,000 which he described as a "drop in the bucket" compared to what they need. ✓

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)

~~SECRET~~

Levison cautioned that Rutherford would have about \$40,000 worth of bills and inquired if Rutherford ever received any money from Harry Wachtel's office. Rutherford stated they had received nothing and that he knew Wachtel received a check at his office for \$56,000. He questioned why Abernathy had the check sent there. U

Levison told Rutherford that an inter-religious committee ran an ad in which they asked for funds for the Martin Luther King Memorial Foundation and the address was Wachtel's office. They said there is about \$30,000 net in Wachtel's office from this ad. U

Levison brought up the matter of a person named Mc Cloud (phonetic) from whom the New York Office of the SCLC had received a letter stating that the SCLC had endorsed the sale of a portrait of Martin Luther King as a fund raising method and describing Mc Cloud as the National Fund Raising Director. Rutherford described Mc Cloud as a young man loaned to the SCLC for three months by one Gay Wilmore (phonetic) of the Presbyterian Church and who follows rich white Presbyterian Church members. He added that Mc Cloud was in Atlanta working out of Ralph's (Abernathy's) old office. Levison recommended that the portrait sale be stopped. U

Levison also urged that the SCLC membership drive not be delayed. He indicated that after the initial response to King's death, in the way of contributions, is over he does not know where the money is going to come from to support the SCLC. He warned that it could be a dying gasp if the opportunity is not seized to raise membership. U

Levison was critical of Andrew Young (Executive Vice President of the SCLC) for not having contacted the Field Foundation which, he said, had "earmarked some \$275,000". He said it has been one month since they offered the money and Young has not even called them. He stated that there is no point in going to other foundations until this is done. He then asked how this inaction must make the SCLC look in the foundation field. He said there is no organization in Atlanta taking care of these things and that Young has no business being in Marks, Mississippi if he has not handled the Field Foundation contact. He continued to criticize the SCLC stating that, at the moment, the organization is too flimsy, its biggest pillar (King) is gone, and that there is no organization with its leaders "running all over the place".

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SECRET~~

Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)

They agreed that Rutherford, Young, Abernathy and Levison must sit down and discuss this problem. U

Levison also stated that he believes that if they take a tough approach with the labor unions and ask for a half million dollars they will get it. U

Levison mentioned that he is going to put out a new fund appeal (letter). He said the reason they have done so well is that they have a good list, the list they used being that of the American Civil Liberties Union which he described as a middle-class suburban list. He noted that they (SCLC) have used up about 65% of their best list and the same results cannot be expected. U

Levison returned to a criticism of the SCLC stating that they do not have a staff that they just have "gypsies." He said they should be given a job to do and, if they fail, fire them. He said they have neither discipline nor people who take orders and carry them out. He recalled that King realized, before his death, that the SCLC had no staff and was deeply concerned about it. He urged that Abernathy stop making speeches and "start knocking heads together". Rutherford noted that Abernathy is concerned and has given him instructions to organize the SCLC office along military lines. Levison said it should be run along business lines with discipline all the way to the top. He added that as regards the Washington operation (PPC), there has to be a top staff to run it, that there is enough money but no organization. U

They agreed that Rutherford would contact Abernathy and Young about the proposed meeting and Levison said he would go to the meeting whenever it is set up.

The source learned on May 5, 1968, that, on that date, Ralph Abernathy and Stanley Levison discussed the PPC with Abernathy expressing his pleasure with the way it has begun. Levison brought up the matter of a membership drive for the SCLC and asked if the Board (SCLC) had approved this idea. Abernathy said that it had and they agreed that now is the time for the membership drive because they will need support later on.

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~
Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
Abernathy requested Levison to prepare a 30 minute speech for him on the PPC and its effect upon American society which he is to give before a club made up of middle-class Negroes. Levison agreed and also agreed to prepare a speech for Abernathy to use at Alabama State College commencement on May 31, 1968. (D)

Later on the same date, according to the source, Bill Rutherford requested Levison's wife to tell Levison that he had talked with Abernathy, Young and Chauncey (Eskridge SCLC representative in Chicago) and that they agreed they should hold a meeting in Atlanta on Wednesday, (May 8). (X)(u)

(1)
b1
()
A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1964, that Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) in July, 1963. [REDACTED] (X)(S)

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information in December, 1949, that Harry H. Wachtel, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on a list of individuals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild. (X)(u)

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

On March 5, 1944, another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which revealed that the name Harry Wachtel was on a list of

~~SECRET~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SECRET~~

Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)

~~SECRET~~

names, significance not known, which was maintained at the Headquarters of the Kings County Communist Party (CP) at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(u)

Regarding Harry Wachtel's wife Lenora, it is noted that the same confidential source furnished information on March 5, 1944, which revealed that her name and address were on a list of names of newly elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County CP.

(u)

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SECRET~~

APPENDIX

1.

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SECRET~~

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild: When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

FBI

Date: 5/31/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 7-14-92 BY [redacted]

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2474) (P)
SUBJECT: POCAM
RM
(OO: WFO)

I = Bombing - CRA

BM
(OO: Chicago)

Re Chicago teletypes 5/28/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 13 copies of a letter-head memorandum regarding captioned matter. Copies are designated for interested offices as set forth below for information.

Sources used in the enclosed, in order of appearance, are as follows:

- ⑤ - Bureau (Encls. 13) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-438794 (SCLC))
- 1 - New York (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 3 - Washington Field (Encls. 3) (RM)
 - (2 - 157-1395 POCAM)
 - (1 - 174-[redacted])

4 - Chicago

(1 - A) [redacted]

(1 - A) [redacted]

(1 - 174-254) [redacted]

AGENCY: ACSI, MTG, OSI, SEC. SERV.
DEPT: ISD, CRD, RLO, PZU

HOW FORW: [redacted]

DATE FORW: [redacted]

BY: [redacted]

100-442706
NOT RECORDED
180 JUN 6 1968

JUN 3 1968

ORIGINAL FILED IN 157-8428-1944
ENCLOSURE COPY AND COPY OF ENCL FILED IN 174

Approved: [redacted] Special Agent in Charge

Sent

69 JUN 14 1968

CG 157-2474

b2
b7C
b7D

[REDACTED]

The enclosed is being classified ~~confidential~~ based on information provided by [REDACTED] the unauthorized use of which could possibly compromise these sources and their continuing effectiveness.

Chicago indices contain no subversive or otherwise pertinent information concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in connection with POCAM. Likewise, indices contain no identifiable references to [REDACTED] identified in the enclosed as a POCAM participant.

Chicago is continuing to follow captioned matter closely, and all pertinent developments will be furnished the Bureau. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to the USA, Secret Service, and Region I, 113th MI Group, locally.

New York provide Bureau and Washington Field with any pertinent information regarding [REDACTED] in enclosed, as well as any information regarding possible New York participation in the 6/8/68 Puerto Rico Day activity in Washington.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

May 31, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. CG 157-2474

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

b7D

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN (PPC)

The late Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), announced publicly prior to his death, that he would conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in Washington, D.C., during the spring of 1968. This campaign would represent an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro. King named this program the Poor People's Campaign (PPC).

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum of May 27, 1968, under this caption, wherein it was reflected in part that

b7c
b7D

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

b7c

100-442706

DECLASSIFIED BY [REDACTED]
ON 7-14-92

ENCLOSURE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Group 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

3 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

☒ Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

Section 552Section 552a☐ (b)(1)☐ (b)(7)(A)☐ (d)(5)☐ (b)(2)☐ (b)(7)(B)☐ (j)(2)☐ (b)(3)☒ (b)(7)(C)☐ (k)(1)☒ (b)(7)(D)☐ (k)(2)☐ (b)(7)(E)☐ (k)(3)☐ (b)(7)(F)☐ (k)(4)☐ (b)(4)☐ (b)(8)☐ (k)(5)☐ (b)(5)☐ (b)(9)☐ (k)(6)☐ (b)(6)☐ (k)(7)

☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

☐ Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

☐ For your information:

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

100-442706 - NR dated 5/31/68

(ENCLOSURE pgs 2 to 4)

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X DELETED PAGE(S) X
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
X FOR THIS PAGE X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

b7D

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN (PPC)

CONFIDENTIAL

b7C
b7D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b7C
b7D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In connection with Chicago participants in the PPC in Washington, an article appeared in the "Chicago Daily News", a daily Chicago newspaper, edition of May 28, 1968. The article reflected that Robert Conda, a male Negro, age 28, of 741 South Independence Boulevard, a printer by trade, had just returned to Chicago after spending ten days at Resurrection City. Conda had denied,

CONFIDENTIAL

67D

POOR PEOPLE' CAMPAIGN (PPC)

CONFIDENTIAL

upon interview by a representative of this newspaper, reports of friction among the poor at Resurrection City, describing them as exaggerated and serving the interest of those who would like to see the PPC fail. He stated that if there was any friction in Resurrection City it was in the attempt of "outsiders" to create it by doing such things as slipping liquor into the camp or magnifying trivial incidents.

Conda described himself as member of the West Side Organization (WSO), 1527 Roosevelt Road, indicating that he had traveled to Washington with the second group of Chicago PPC participants, which had departed Chicago May 16, 1968. He planned to return to Resurrection City during the coming week, taking his wife Dorothy and two children, ages ten and four, with him.

Copies of this memorandum are being made available locally to the following agencies:

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois,

United States Secret Service, Chicago,
Illinois,

Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group,
Evanston, Illinois.

CONFIDENTIAL

6/5/68

Airtel

To: SAC, WFO (157-1395)
From: Director, FBI (157-8428)

POCAM

RePDtel dated June 3, 1968, copy furnished WFO.

Retel contains allegations that Reverend Ralph Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is engaging in illicit relations with white women and on one occasion was beaten by five Negroes who surprised him in bed with a white woman.

Washington Field, through established sources and logical informants, attempt to verify these allegations and furnish the results to the Bureau by teletype followed by letterhead memorandum. Expedite.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11-14-92 BY [redacted]

1 - Portland

① - 100-442706 (Ralph Abernathy)

(8)

NOT RECORDED

100 JUN 12 1968

70 JUN 18 1968

DUPLICATE YELLOW

ORIGINAL FILED IN 100-442706-19

FBI

Date: 6/19/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-4828)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1395)

POCAM
RMALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-14-92 BY [redacted]ReWFOteletype 6/18/68 and NY teletypes 6/18/68
and 6/19/68.

Referenced teletypes set forth information received

[redacted]

Enclosed for the NYO are two photographs of an individual identified to WFO by its sources as [redacted] (LNU). These photographs were obtained on 1/31/68 when he departed SNCC WDC. The individual with the pipe is [redacted] of SNCC, WDC. The third individual is unknown.

[redacted]

1-806 9+D
3 - Bureau
2 - New York (Enc. 2)
2 - WFO

D. C. Bishop

AIRTEL

100-442-706
NOT RECORDED
180 JUN 24 1968

54 JUL 2 1968
Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

M Per _____

FBI

Date: 6/27/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8428)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924) (R) INFORMATION CONTAINED b7c
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIEDSUBJECT: POCAM
DATE 7-14-92 BY [REDACTED]

b7c
b2
b7c
b7D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Out of deference to source's security, it is felt the above information should not be disseminated further at this time.

Confidential.

3-Bureau (RM)
2-WFO (RM)
1-New York (RM)
4-Atlanta (2-157-2924)
b7c (1-100-5713) (SCLC)
(1-157-257) (ABERNATHY)

CARSON COPY

100-442706-
NOT RECORDED

152 JUL 9 1968 b7c

66 JUL 11 1968

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M

Per

FBI

Date: 6/9/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, ATLANTA

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1395)

PCCAM; RM OO:WFO

ON JUNE NINE INSTANT [REDACTED] b7c

NATIONAL AIRPORT POLICE, WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC), ADVISED
AS FOLLOWS:

RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) AND CHARLES EVERS, DIRECTOR,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
(NAACP), FOR STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, DEPARTED WDC FROM
NATIONAL AIRPORT AT EIGHT TEN A.M. INSTANT VIA DELTA
AIRLINES FLIGHT SEVEN TWENTY FIVE ARRIVING ATLANTA,
GEORGIA NINE THIRTY EIGHT A.M. b7c

1 - Bureau (157-8428)

3 - Teletype Unit

2 - WFO

MGT-15

REC-28

EX-115

NOT RECORDED
183 JUN 12 1968ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-14-92 BY [REDACTED]

22 JUN 11 1968

66 JUN 24 1968

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)

PAGE TWO

ABERNATHY DUE TO RETURN WDC AREA AT FRIENDSHIP
AIRPORT, MARYLAND AFTERNOON SAME DAY, TIME AND FLIGHT
OR ARRIVAL NOT KNOWN. EVERS WILL NOT RETURN.

HOSEA WILLIAMS, HEAD OF SCLC DIRECT ACTION COMMITTEE
DEPARTED WDC FROM NATIONAL ELEVEN FORTY A.M. INSTANT VIA
EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE THIRTY NINE ARRIVING ATLANTA
ONE SEVENTEEN P.M. DATE OF RETURN WDC NOT KNOWN.

CHECK WITH PARK POLICE AT RESURRECTION CITY (RC)
ONE P.M. INSTANT REVEALED NO UNDUE ACTIVITIES NOTED
AND CONDITIONS NORMAL.

b7c
ROOM 835-520

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

BEST COPY AVAILABLE



HAVRE DE GRACE RECORD

Published by

HAVRE DE GRACE PRINTING & PUBLISHING CO., INC.
 RECORD BUILDING • HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND 21078

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. DeLoach.....
Mr. Mohr.....
Mr. Bishop.....
Mr. Casper.....
Mr. Callahan.....
Mr. Conrad.....
Mr. Felt.....
Mr. Gale.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Sullivan.....
Mr. Tavel.....
Mr. Trotter.....
Tele. Room.....
Miss Holmes.....
Miss Gandy.....

July 1, 1968

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 7-14-92 BY [redacted]

J. Edgar Hoover
 Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I will take this direct approach to save everyone time and money because I need answers to only two questions.

Briefly, I have a husband and wife team of "Letters To The Editor" writers who at times get pretty wild. I refused to publish a letter containing unsupported accusations on Ralph Abernathy. The writer of the letter promised to send his source of information which turns out to be the enclosed booklet with the area outlined as fact in the letter to the editor. My two questions are: Is the pamphlet correct? Is the pamphlet published by a reputable source? I've never heard of "The Review of the News", Belmont, Mass.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, I remain,

Very truly yours,

[redacted]
 Havre de Grace RECORD

EX-105

REC-34 / 100 - 442706 - 21

6 JUL 9 1968

ENCLOSURE

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

ack: 7-5-68

COPIES

100-442706-21

CORRECTION, PLEASE!

ITEM: From an Article in the *New York Times* for April 6, 1968:

Of the new S.C.L.C. leader [Ralph D. Abernathy] Mr. Young said: "He's been as much responsible for building Martin as a leader and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference as anyone else."

CORRECTION: In view of "Reverend" Abernathy's influence over the years upon the late Dr. King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, we should study Abernathy's activities and ideas.

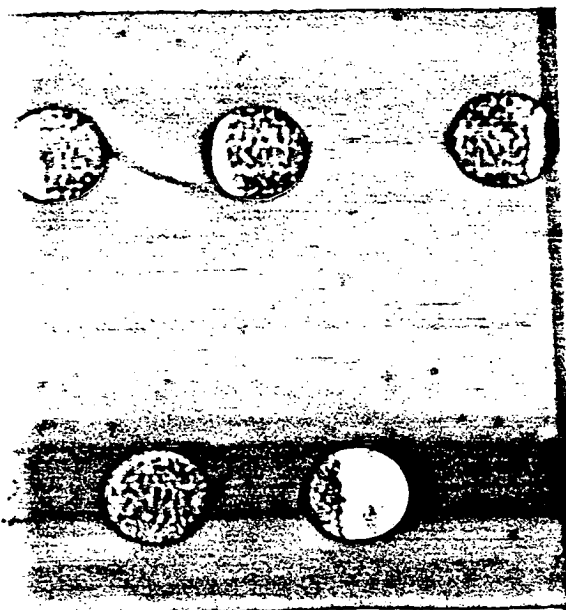
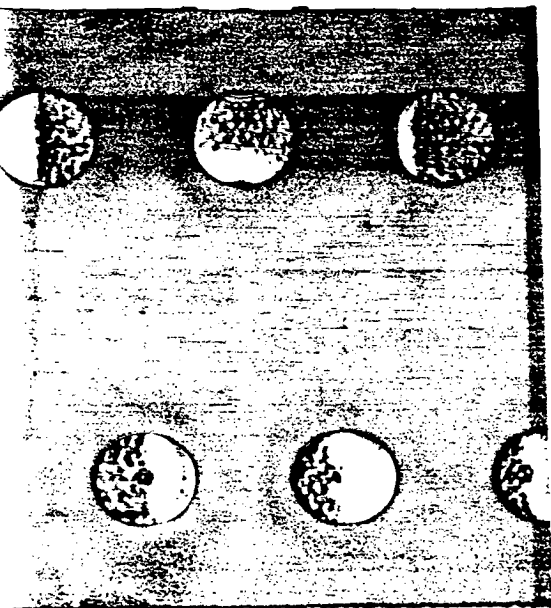
In 1964 a Negro newspaper in South Carolina, *The Herald*, courageously informed its readers of one aspect of Ralph Abernathy's character to show why it wanted nothing to do with him or the S.C.L.C. It published the transcript of a trial held in a Montgomery County, Alabama, court containing sworn testimony that "Reverend" Abernathy engaged in illicit sexual relations (including "abnormal acts") with a fifteen year old girl, and that even after she became married he attempted to continue this immoral relationship. The young lady told her husband of Abernathy's continuous assaults, whereupon her husband chased "Reverend" Abernathy down a Montgomery street on a summer day in 1958, threatening him with a hatchet. The often-jailed Abernathy brought charges against the outraged husband, but the man was acquitted. Obviously it is very much in order to raise a serious question as to the propriety of a man who would engage in such scandalous activity having such key influence on a "Christian" organization leading a "moral" crusade.

Other public records establish that in 1957 Abernathy accompanied Martin Luther King to the now famous Labor Day weekend conference at the Communist Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee. In 1960 the Tennessee courts closed the school on the basis of charges involving liquor and gross immorality.

James Dombrowski and Aubrey Williams were two of the Communists closely associated with that school. Both of them also helped to create the Southern Conference Educational Fund. The Louisiana Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities issued an 126-page report in 1964 in which it stated: "This report solidly confirms our prior findings that the Southern Conference Educational Fund is in fact a Communist Front and a Subversive Organization." Two pages later it noted: "The

April 24, 1968

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-14-92 BY [REDACTED] b7c



"Reverend" Ralph D. Abernathy (r) training at the Communist Highlander Folk School in 1957.

Committee finds that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference [now headed by Abernathy] . . . is substantially under the control of the Communist Party through the influence of the Southern Conference Educational Fund and the Communists who manage it."

It is not surprising that Ralph Abernathy has come to the aid of the Communists in other ways. For example, his name heads the list of revolutionaries who petitioned the United States Senate to stop an investigation of the National Conference for New Politics, cited by the chairman of the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee as "working hand-in-glove with the Communist Party, U.S.A." (*Cong. Rec.*, Sept. 22, 1967, p. S13507).

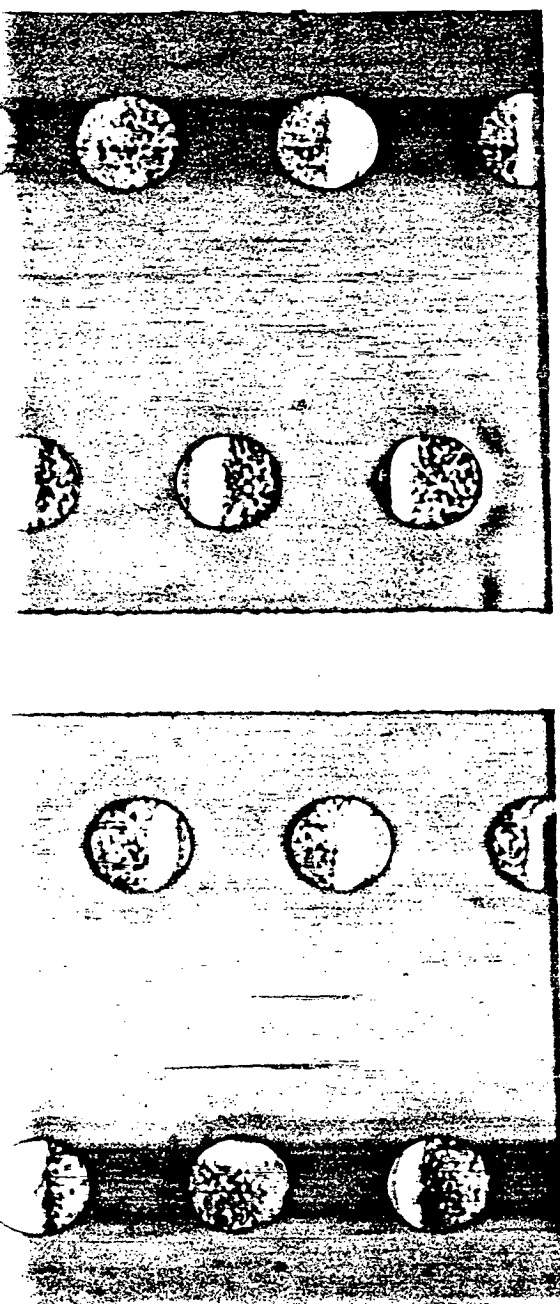
Furthermore, the "Reverend" Abernathy, who claims to be so concerned over the welfare of Negro-Americans, looks the other way where people with yellow skins are concerned. He went on record in 1965 in favor of admission of Red China to the UN, and of negotiating with the Communists in Vietnam, in spite of the barbaric slaughter of millions of Asians by these governments. No racist, he simply stood with the Reds.

This man's hypocrisy does not end there. "Reverend" Abernathy is supposedly committed to a policy of "non-violence." The leaders of the Congress of Racial Equality promote violence. The *New York Times* for August 18, 1967 quoted CORE Director Floyd McKissick as saying it is a "foolish assumption to sell non-violence." The founder of CORE, James Farmer, explained more fully what CORE stands for when he exclaimed: "We're much more militant [violent] than Malcolm X." Yet Abernathy has been a top official in CORE since at least 1961!

"Reverend" Ralph Abernathy seems perfectly suited to head an organization substantially controlled by the Communists.

Additional copies of this pamphlet: 1-99 copies, ten for one dollar, 100-999 copies, eight cents each, 1,000 copies or more, seven cents each.

THE REVIEW OF THE NEWS, Belmont, Massachusetts 02178



ANALYSIS

LEST WE FORGET

■ WHO KILLED Martin Luther King?
And why?

Well, who stood to profit?

You will recall that King first came to notice in 1955, as head of the Montgomery Bus Boycott launched by Mrs. Rosa Parks. Mrs. Parks was a student at the Highlander Folk School, which was organized with the help of Don West, then district director of the Communist Party of North Carolina, and which was of course a Communist training school—cited as such by several government agencies. And King ran the boycott as head of the Montgomery Improvement Association, which had been formed by the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, who is a former convict, says the Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities of the State of Louisiana, and “has been affiliated with several communist-front organizations.”

Another former convict is Bayard Rustin, who in 1953 was arrested by the Pasadena Police Department for homosexual activities. The *Allen-Scott Report* for August 16, 1963, reports that in 1936, as a college student, Rustin joined the Young Communist League, “and was active in

its operations on the campus and elsewhere”; and that in World War II, he was arrested for making speeches opposing our war against Hitler, and served twenty-six months in federal prison.

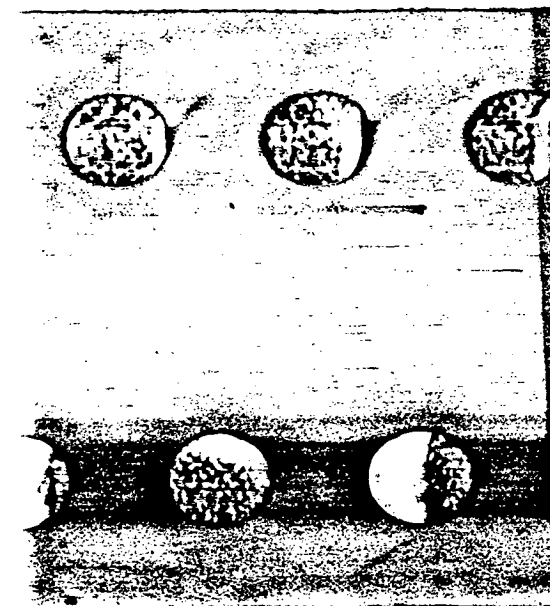
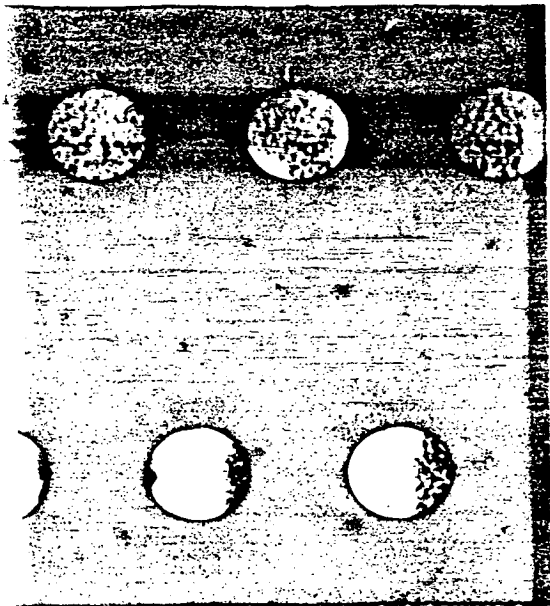
And in 1955 he became Dr. King’s “secretary.”

In March, 1957, at a meeting in Atlanta, they formed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The meeting probably couldn’t have been called in February, because Mr. Rustin, Dr. King’s secretary, was then attending the sixteenth national convention of the Communist Party.

The president of SCLC was of course the Rev. Dr. King. The vice-president of SCLC was the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth. And Shuttlesworth later also became the new president of the Southern Conference Educational Fund—which has been described by three government agencies as a department of the Marxist Conspiracy. It was organized by Communists, is run by Communists and is the most important Communist organization in the South.

Mr. Carl Braden has served as field director and has been named under oath as a Communist Party member. His wife Anne, an SCEF official, has also been named under oath as a Communist.

Mr. Braden is a former convict, of course. You have to be to get anywhere in the Movement. While in Louisville, he was convicted of a felony—a little matter involving some dynamite.



Mr. Aubrey Williams was SCEF president until 1963. In April, 1954, he was named under oath as a Communist. It was Williams, a Communist, whom Shuttlesworth — King's vice president—replaced as president of SCEF, a Communist organization.

And there was James A. Dombrowski, executive director of SCEF, who has also been named under oath as a Communist Party member.

On October 7, 1958, Dr. King wrote a letter to Anne Braden, in which he urged her and her husband Carl—both already well known as Communists—to become permanently associated with his SCLC.

And on August 16, 1960, King wrote the following letter to Communist Dombrowski: "Dear Jim, This is just a note to acknowledge receipt of your letters of recent date. We, too, were more than happy to have you in our home, the fellowship was very rewarding. I will expect to hear from you when Bishop Love returns to the country. At that time we can set the date for an Atlanta meeting. Very sincerely yours, Martin."

In fact, King actually filed an affidavit in federal court in New Orleans, strongly supporting Dombrowski and SCEF—and refused to repudiate the affidavit even after being shown proof that he was actually a Communist.

Indeed, a photograph exists which shows Martin Luther King along with Anne Braden, Carl Braden and James Dombrowski (the last three

all identified Reds), the back of which reads as follows in Dombrowski's handwriting: "The 6th Annual Conference of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Birmingham, Alabama, September 25 to 28, 1962."

And there is a check, issued by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, signed by James A. Dombrowski, and dated March 7, 1963, to the order of Martin Luther King, in the amount of \$167.74, with a notation on it: "New York expenses"—and Dr. King's endorsement on the back.

The Louisiana Committee on Un-American Activities concludes that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference—founded by Dr. King—is "substantially under the control of the Communist Party through the influence of the Southern Conference Educational Fund and the Communists who manage it."

There is also the fact that on the Labor Day weekend of the year 1957, in a speech at the Communist Highlander Folk School, King called Communist Aubrey Williams "one of the noble personalities of our times," and had his picture taken with Abner W. Berry, of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

And there is Hunter Pitts O'Dell, who was exposed in 1956 as a southern district organizer for the Communist Party, in 1962 as a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party—and as late as the summer of 1963, was still employed

by Dr. King to help run the SCLC.

In fact, we read in the *Boston Globe* of April 15, 1964: "Official warnings have again been given to King about another, even more important associate who is known to be a key figure in the covert apparatus of the Communist Party. After the warnings, King broke off his open connection with this man, but a second-hand connection none the less continues. . . ."

And last September, the nationally syndicated *Allen-Scott Report* revealed that "the FBI has unimpeachable evidence, including photographs, showing that King is now listening to a man who . . . has been one of the Communist party's biggest money raisers in this country." He it was apparently who wrote King's statement in April, 1967, at the UN, that Congress is "wild with racism"; and his statement later in the year, at his SCLC convention, that the U.S. is the "greatest purveyor of violence in the world today."

Dr. King of course was the inventor of "nonviolence." What actually was "nonviolence?" How did it work? Well, in *Saturday Review* for April 3, 1965, he tells us:

"1. Nonviolent demonstrators go into the streets to exercise their constitutional rights.

"2. Racists resist by unleashing violence against them.

"3. Americans of conscience in the name of decency demand federal intervention and legislation.

"4. The Administration, under

mass pressure, initiates measures of immediate intervention and remedial legislation."

Now remember, this isn't my idea. This is straight from King himself. And observe that according to Dr. King himself, the violence that usually occurred in one of his demonstrations wasn't unexpected, wasn't to be avoided, wasn't something to be sorry about. It was exactly what he wanted. It was the point to the whole Production.

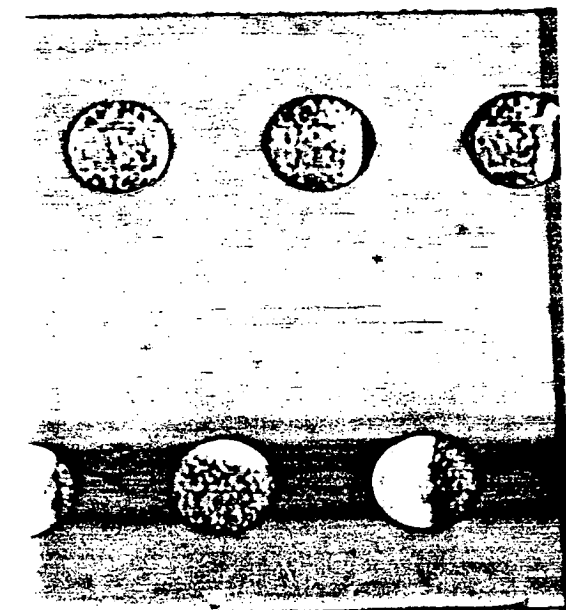
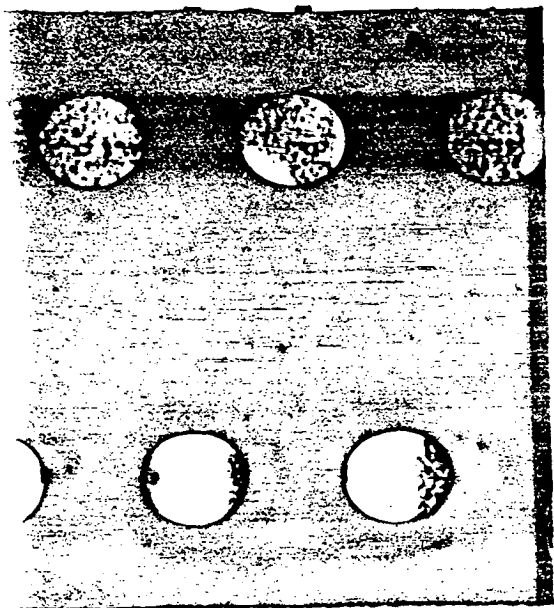
It was in fact, said Dr. King, the *only reason* for a "non-violent" demonstration: to generate more pressure on the Congress to install more collectivism.

"For weeks," explains *Newsweek* of March 22, 1965, "Martin Luther King had been escalating his Selma voter-registration campaign toward the state he calls 'creative tension'—the setting for a paroxysm of segregationist violence that can shock the nation to action. . . ."

"The Negroes' rationale in holding night marches," explains the *New York Times* of February 24, 1964, "is to provoke the racist element in white communities to show its worst."

So King's "nonviolence," to repeat, not only wasn't in any way an attempt to avoid violence—according to King himself, violence was an inescapable, essential, desirable part of it. "Nonviolence" meant only that King himself did not use the violence—he caused it. He provoked it, finally forcing "racists"—everyone who

April 24, 1968



doesn't own a pair of sandals and doesn't need a bath — either to lie down and die or to retaliate, so that King could play the innocent victim. "Nonviolence" in short was nothing else but a demonstration of dialectical materialism, the pseudo-science invented by Marx, according to which Marxists advance by controlling *both sides* of the conflict; by advancing a *thesis*, which provokes an *antithesis*—a reaction by reactionaries—a struggle which produces a *synthesis*, which becomes a new *thesis*, and continues until the complete victory of Socialism.

"In short," said King in *Stride Toward Freedom* (New York, Harper & Row, 1958, pp. 94-95), "I read Marx as I read all of the influential historical thinkers—from a dialectical point of view, combining a partial yea and a partial no. . . . The Kingdom of God is neither the thesis of individual enterprise nor the antithesis of collective enterprise, but a synthesis which reconciles the truths of both."

So the ironic truth is that King contributed to his own murder. For in Memphis he was once again applying his philosophy of "nonviolence," was he not? Once again, he was trying to provoke violence according to stage 2 of his tactics.

And he succeeded.

And what were the "immediate intervention and remedial legislation" King was after according to stage 4?

In the Selma March, for instance, in 1965, the violence he provoked

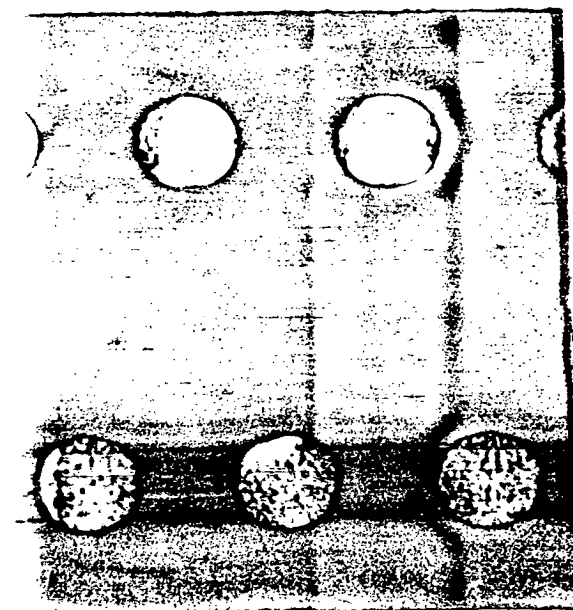
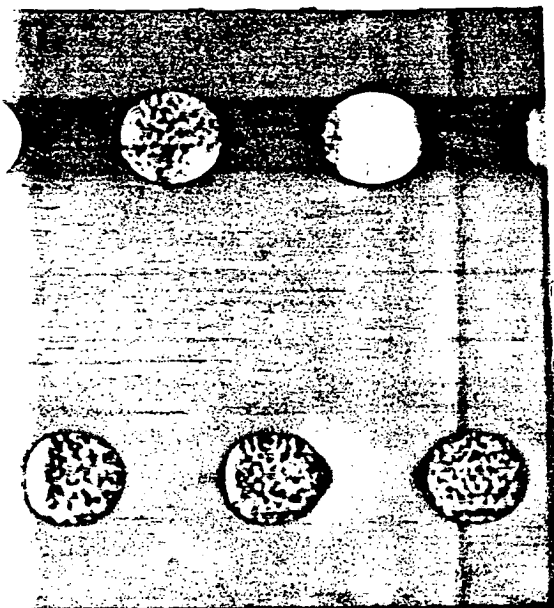
according to stage 2, followed on schedule by the sympathy of stage 3, caused the lightning passage of the "voting rights" bill, under which the federal government grabbed from the states power to register voters—the point being, of course, that in any dictatorship, whether Communist or Nazi, all the power must be centralized.

And soon King's organization will launch his "Poor People's March" on Washington. The plan as you know envisions the actual interruption of Congress unless "poor people" are handed about \$100 billion — which would be used as usual to recruit, train, finance and defend the Communist gangs which are destroying our country, through the "war on poverty." For such an amount of course you have to put on a good show. You need some really bloody "nonviolence."

And where is it all heading? What is the goal? Suppose the "Poor People's March" does manage to interrupt Congress. Suppose in fact that so many "poor people" physically occupy the government, that the government is paralyzed and cannot function. What would we have?

What we would have of course is the Russian Revolution. We would have a coup—the seizure of our government by "nonviolence": by force.

Now imagine once again that you are one of the small band of rich, educated and not at all oppressed conspirators secretly running the communization of America. And



once again you are looking down from your skyscraper in New York. Your scheme to create a race war is going very well. You are sorry you had to wait so long, of course—you remember wishing years ago that you could immediately indulge your great love of killing—but you knew that Americans of both colors had to be properly prepared. So you began with something Americans could be sold: “nonviolent integration,” and you used a clergyman named King to sell it—to capitalize on the fact that black Americans have sometimes been the victims of injustice—and to sell it so as deliberately to create the bitterness you need.

But now it's 1968, and your scheme is going very well. There's lots of beautiful killing and blood. “Watts was glorious,” you said, if you happen to be Herbert Aptheker. Now you no longer need to bother with such nonsense as “integration.” Yet at the same time, you have serious problems. Your use of King is being more and more exposed. His use of violence is becoming understood. Everybody says he is becoming unpopular. In fact, he is turning from an asset into a liability. “Reactionaries” are preventing the passage of important Communist legislation. King is doing his best, but you are having difficulty, for instance, getting that \$100 billion.

Suppose King were violently removed? you ask yourself. You no longer need him — so suppose he were brutally murdered as part of

his next demonstration of dialectical materialism. That would be the ultimate in “nonviolence.” With one 30.06 bullet you could blame “white racism,” as usual, restore King's reputation, further accustom Americans to martial law, pass your Communist legislation—and at the same time notify your troops around the country that “nonviolence” is dead, too, and should be replaced by guerrilla warfare.

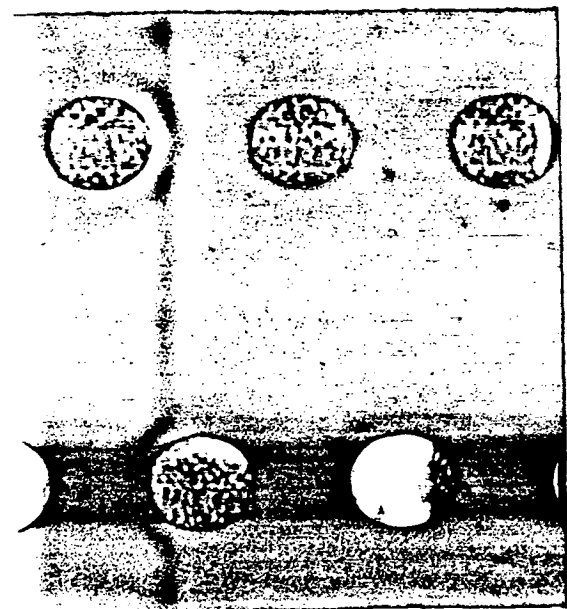
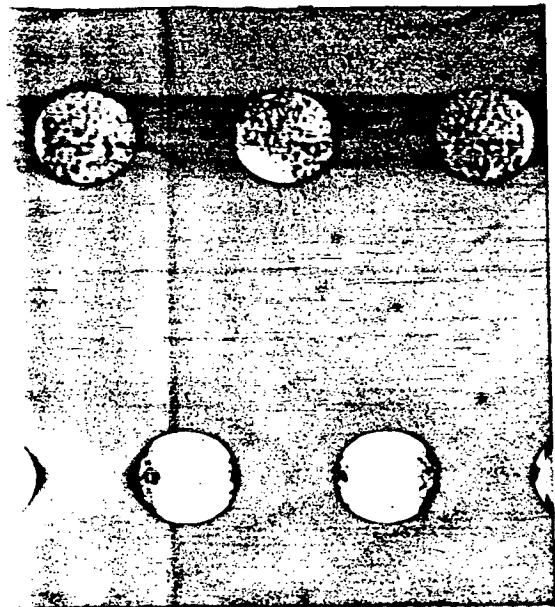
So you call in your shooters and you order the hit.

Observe the first results of the murder. Riots and looting raged for a week, making Americans of both races furious. Many feel great sympathy for the victim. And in New York, Nelson Rockefeller was able to ram through a \$6 billion “urban renewal” program which lets the state intervene over the heads of the mayors.

Rockefeller participated by the way in a memorial march for King, arm linked with Charles Kenyatta, head of Harlem's Mau Mau Society — named for the Communist terrorists of Kenya. Whether or not Kenyatta is just another psycho, I don't know, but he specializes in appearing in public with a machete on which a Bible has been impaled.

In fact that's what he was carrying when Rockefeller took his arm.

And in Washington, Johnson's Communist housing bill was passed. When the Communists grabbed Russia, they naturally also grabbed housing, using the welfare of work-



ers as the excuse. They didn't say they were doing it for black people, because no black people are there. They said that everyone had the "right" to a certain living space, and moved those who had less in with those who had more. Remember that no black people were involved — everybody who was, was as white as the Governor of Mississippi—so those who resisted weren't racists, were they? They resisted because the point as always was not to establish "racial justice," but to control the population. And Party members and sympathizers naturally got the best.

The same thing will now begin to happen here.

This is why we must continue telling the truth about Martin Luther King; not for revenge, or just to destroy a phony reputation, but because of the use to which his murder—like that of John F. Kennedy—is being put.

So who killed King?

The fact that Ramsey Clark heads the investigation is suspicious enough. Anybody who believes Clark has any interest in truth should be sent immediately to me. I'm trying to sell the Brooklyn Bridge. And observe that his investigation already smells like last week's mackerel.

If and when Clark ever presents a suspect, you can bet we will be told that he is a "right-wing extremist."

So what should Americans do now?

1) Demand that we be told all the

facts and that the investigation continue until King's killers are found. Then we might as well also find out who killed Medgar Evers, blew up the four little black girls in that church in Birmingham in 1963, and helped Communist Oswald kill Kennedy.

2) Refuse to be intimidated. King was almost entirely a creation of public relations — of a bunch of crooked reporters, most of them white. Like the barrage of publicity after the Kennedy assassination, the current propaganda is designed not only to advance Communism but to demoralize the opposition—to make Americans uncertain and guilty. In fact, on Long Island, for instance, hoodlums stoned automobiles whose drivers refused to turn on their headlights "for the King." Needless to say, the growing number of Americans of both colors aware of what King really was, and really was doing, will not be given coverage on CBS. You are not as alone as that lie net would have you think.

3) Continue exactly as we have been—telling the truth—explaining that "free handouts" are nothing but the bait of dictators; that the trouble in this country isn't caused by black people, but by the small band of criminals—most of them white—who have been framing them; and that the "civil rights movement," which now has taken the life of Martin Luther King, was designed from the beginning to enslave us all.

—ALAN STANG ■ ■

The Review of the NEWS

100-442706-21

July 5, 1968

July 5, 1968

EX-105

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-14-92 BY [redacted]

**Havre De Grace Record
Record Building
Havre De Grace, Maryland 21078**

Dear [redacted]

In response to your inquiry concerning Ralph Abernathy contained in your letter of July 1st, with enclosed pamphlet, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice.

Regarding your question as to the reputability of "The Review of the News," Belmont, Massachusetts, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication, or individual. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have material in our files relating to this publication. I am sorry I cannot be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Baltimore - Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of the Havre De Grace Record and nothing identifiable concerning [redacted]. The only references to the organization publishing the enclosed pamphlet, "The Review of the News," Belmont, Massachusetts, appears with a copy of a letter sent to the Federal Power Commission by correspondent who designated a copy for the Bureau and an incoming letter to the Bureau 9-10-67 which enclosed a petition published by this publication. Ralph Abernathy is well known to the Bureau.

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

68 JUL 12 1968

FBI

Date: 7/11/68

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT

(Type in plaintext or code)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Via TELETYPE URGENT

Classified

(Priority)

Declassify on: OADR

7-14-92

Classified by

Declassify on: OADR

7-14-92

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1395)

Poor People's Campaign - Racial Matter

POCAM, RM, OO: WFO.

SUMMATION OF ACTIVITIES JULY TEN, LAST:

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED JULY NINE, LAST, THAT A YOUTH RALLY WAS SCHEDULED FOR THREE P.M., JULY TEN, LAST, AT THE SHERWOOD PLAYGROUND, NINTH AND G STREETS, N.E. SAS WFO OBSERVED RALLY WAS CANCELLED DUE TO AN ABSENCE OF ANYONE IN ATTENDANCE. METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD) INTELLIGENCE DIVISION ADVISED THAT JULY THIRTEEN, NEXT, IS BEING DESIGNATED "ABERNATHY DAY". EFFORTS ARE CURRENTLY BEING MADE TO MOBILIZE A LARGE CONTINGENT OF POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN (POCAM) PARTICIPANTS TO BE PRESENT UPON THE RELEASE OF THE REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT,

SPECIAL AGENT

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

100-442706

157-9515

NOT RECORDED

183 JUL 17 1968

10 JUL 16 1968

6 - Bureau
2 - WFO

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

56 JUL 26 1968

Special Agent in Charge

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

M

Per

ORIGINAL - 117 51129

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ _____
(Priority)

157-1395

PAGE TWO

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) FROM THE D.C. JAIL. THIS IS TO BE FOLLOWED BY A MEETING AT THE MOUNT CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH, THIRD AND I STREETS, N.W.

SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, LEARNED THAT THE SECURITY DEPARTMENT OF THE SCLC HAS FALLEN APART NECESSITATING THE SCHEDULING OF A MEETING TO HAVE BEEN HELD DURING THE EVENING OF JULY TEN, LAST, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTEMPTING A REORGANIZATION OF THIS DEPARTMENT.

THIRD SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT POCAM PARTICIPANTS HAVE DISCONTINUED THEIR RESIDENCE AT THE HAWTHORNE SCHOOL *kyu*

FOURTH SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, DESCRIBED POCAM ACTIVITIES AS QUIET AND VOICED OPINION ACTIVITY WILL REMAIN AS SUCH PENDING THE RELEASE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

WFO 157-1395

PAGE THREE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

OF ABERNATHY FROM JAIL.

NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS REPORTED.

ADMINISTRATIVE

FIRST SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

SECOND SOURCE IS MONITOR OF SCIC RADIO.

THIRD SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

FOURTH SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

b1
b2
b7C
b7D~~CONFIDENTIAL~~~~CONFIDENTIAL~~Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 7/17/68

Transmit the following in CODE

(Type in text or code)

Via TELETYPEURGENT
(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1654)

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, RACIAL MATTERS (OO:AT).

ON INSTANT DATE, A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT ABERNATHY ACCOMPANIED BY ANDREW J. YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), AND FRED C. BENNETTE, SECURITY OFFICER, SCLC, PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, THIS DATE TO MEET MRS. CORETTA KING AND TO PARTICIPATE IN A SCLC BENEFIT SPONSORED BY PEOPLE IN THE MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY.

ON INSTANT DATE, ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH MIG, WASHINGTON, D. C., ADVISED THEY HAD LEARNED THAT ABERNATHY, ACCOMPANIED BY TWO UNIDENTIFIED NEGRO MALES, DEPARTED DULLES AIRPORT AT

- 2 - Bureau
- 3 - Teletype Unit
- 1 - Atlanta (RM) (RM)
- 2 - WFO

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11-5-86 BY [redacted]
7-14-92 [redacted]

REC-3

4 JUL 23 1968

(8)

Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M

Per

WFO 157-1654

82 JUL 15 11 31 AM '68

APPROXIMATELY NINE THIRTY A. M., ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT SEVENTY SEVEN, AND IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN LOS ANGELES AT ELEVEN TWENTY A. M.

ADMINISTRATIVE

b2
b7D
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

AIRMAIL COPY SENT ATLANTA.

F B I

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

Date: 7/23/68

Transmit the following in DATE 7-19-92 b7c
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-3428)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-2924) (P)

SUBJECT: POCAM

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, dated 7/19/68
captioned "Poor People's Campaign".

Enclosed for the Bureau is original and
seven copies of LHM and for New York one copy of
LEM.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is

Information from [REDACTED] must be classified.
Confidential.

AGENCY: ACSI, CM, OSI; SEC. SER:

DE, SEC, CSO, RAO, DT

DATE FORW: 7/30/68

HOW FORW: AKS

BY: [REDACTED]

100-442706 80694

ENCLOSURE

- ③-Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
1-New York (Enc. 1) (RM)
4-Atlanta (1-157-2924)
(1-100-5718)
(1-157-257) (RALPH ABERNATHY)
(1-[REDACTED]) b2
b7D

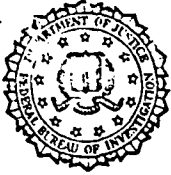
13 JUL 24 1968

Approved: [REDACTED]

Sent [REDACTED] M Per [REDACTED]

51 AUG - 8 1968 Agent in Charge

ORIGINAL FILED



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia
July 23, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-2924

Title	Poor People's Campaign
Character	Racial Matters
Reference	Letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-2924

Atlanta, Georgia
July 23, 1968

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Poor People's Campaign
Racial Matters

b7c
b7D

[REDACTED]

This document contains neither recommendations
nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the
FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents
are not to be distributed outside your agency.

b7c
DECLASSIFIED BY
ON 7-14-92

100-442706

157-154

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ENCLOSURE

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

ENCLOSURE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUL 25 1968

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

1214PM URGENT 7/25/68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SPRINGFIELD (25-

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-14-92 BY [REDACTED]

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sullivan _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

SPEECH OF REVEREND RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, PEORIA, ILLINOIS
JULY TWENTYSIX NEXT. RM.

[REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY THAT REVEREND ABERNATHY IS SCHEDULED TO
SPEAK ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM, JULY TWENTYSIX NEXT BEFORE THE NORTH
CENTRAL JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.
CHURCH CONFERENCE HELD FOR PURPOSE OF ELECTING GOVERNING BISHOP
AND DETERMINING CONFERENCE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN METHODIST AND
EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCHES UNIFICATION. ABERNATHY
REPLACING INVITED SPEAKER DR. COLIN MORRIS OF ZAMBIA, UNEXPECTEDLY
RECALLED TO HIS COUNTRY. EX-105

REC-3 100-442706-23

ABERNATHY PERSONALLY INVITED TO SPEAK BEFORE DELEGATES BY
DR. BRYON STROH OF INDIANAPOLIS, CHAIRMAN, PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

ABERNATHY SCHEDULED TO SPEAK ON URBAN CRISIS, WAR ON POVERTY, AND
PROBLEMS OF RACISM.

ADM. USA, SS, MI ADVISED, CHIEF, PEORIA PD, ADVISED. SALIENT
TEXT OF SPEECH WILL BBE SUBMITTED IN LHM. P.

~~CORR LINE 1 SECOND AND THIRD WORD SHOULD READ OF REVEREND.~~

END

GFH
55 AUG 5 1968
FBI WASH DC

ROOM 836 980

FBI

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

Date: 7/27/68

Transmit the following in plaintext or code

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

From: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-987) GENERAL INVEST. DIV. b7c

☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.Subject: SPEECH OF
REVEREND RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
7/26/68
PEORIA, ILLINOIS

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

Summary of Complaint:

Enclosed herewith are the original and 10 copies of a LHM captioned as above setting forth investigation conducted by SA [REDACTED] Also enclosed are 2 copies of an FD-376. b7c

Enclosed for Chicago, Atlanta, Miami and WFO are 2 copies each of the above mentioned letterhead memorandum.

Copies of the LHM have been disseminated to USA, SDI, Springfield, Illinois; Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois; OSI, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois; MI, Evanston, Illinois and NIS, Chicago, Illinois.

1 - Bureau (Encs. 13) 2 - Atlanta (Encs. 2) 2 - WFO (Encs. 2)
 2 - Chicago (Encs. 2) 2 - Miami (Encs. 2) 6 - SI (157-987)
 REC 46 100-442706-24 (see page 2)

ACTION: UACB:

☐ No further action being taken and
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA Springfield
☐ LHM being submitted
☐ Report being submitted
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

JUL 29 1968

AGENCY: ACSI, OSI, SEC. SERV.

DATE FORW: ISD, ORD, RAO, JED

51 AUG 12 1968

Approved:

DATE FORW:

Sent

M

Per

How Forw: Agent in Charge

BY:

100-442706-24

SI 157-987

COPIES (cont.)

(1:157-855)(POCAM)
(1:157-944)(REPCON)
(1:157-298)

(15)

[REDACTED]

b2
b7D

b7C

SI 157-987

Secret Service, Military Intelligence and USA
notified of ABERNATHY's arrival and departure.

Source referred to in LHM is [REDACTED]

b7c
b7D



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

July 27, 1968

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

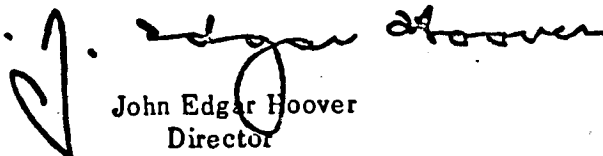
Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form
becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Springfield, Illinois

July 27, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-14-82 BY [REDACTED]

REVEREND RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

On July 25, 1968, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished the following information:

On July 26, 1968, Reverend RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, Leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will speak in Peoria, Illinois, before the delegates attending the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church. The four day conference will bring together more than 1200 delegates of the Methodist and Evangelical United Bretheran Churches, who will elect a governing bishop and determine conference boundries as a result of the recent church unification.

Reverend ABERNATHY was personally invited to appear at this conference by Doctor BRYON STROH of Indianapolis, Indiana, Chairman of the Program Planning Committee. This invitation was extended after the featured speaker, Doctor COLIN MORRIS of Zambia was unexpectedly recalled to his country. Reverend ABERNATHY is scheduled to speak at 11:15 A.M. in the Piere Marquette Hotel Ballroom.

On July 26, 1968, [REDACTED] Peoria, Illinois Police Department, furnished the following information:

At 11:51 A.M., on July 26, 1968, Reverend ABERNATHY and two assistances arrived at the Peoria, Illinois Airport via Ozark Flight 927 from Chicago, Illinois and were escorted directly to the Piere Marquette Hotel.

COPIES DESTROYED
286 JAN 5 1971.

ENCLOSURE

100 - 442706-24

REVEREND RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

On July 26, 1968, the source previously referred to, furnished the following information:

At 11:15 A.M., on July 26, 1968, Reverend ABERNATHY addressed the attending conference delegates in the Piere Marquette Hotel Ballroom on his one hour speech which dealt primarily with taking Christianity outside of the church and into the streets. Reverend ABERNATHY said the church has been the taillight rather than the headlight and has primarily failed its mission at least in the civil rights movement. Reverend ABERNATHY reviewed the civil rights movement within the United States which started with the bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955 and continued with the assassination of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. in Memphis Tennessee.

Reverend ABERNATHY said, "We are not going to let an assassins bullet or a recalcitrant Congress or anybody stop the civil rights movement until we can walk together and cry free at last." Reverend ABERNATHY also detailed some of the suffering he and his family have experienced and the problems involved with the Poor Peoples Campaign but that neither he, his family, nor the Poor Peoples Campaign will stop or will turn back.

During a press conference following the speech, Reverend ABERNATHY said that he had just received an invitation to speak at the Republican Platform Committee during the Republican Convention but that arrangements for this speech have not been finalized.

67c On July 6, 1968 [REDACTED] previously mentioned, advised that Reverend ABERNATHY and his two assistants were escorted to the Peoria Airport and they departed Peoria, Illinois at 1:25 P.M., via Flight 952, for a scheduled arrival in Chicago, Illinois at 2:00 P.M. During Reverend ABERNATHY's presence and speech in Peoria, Illinois, no demonstrations or incidents occurred.

ABERNATHY's two assistants who accompanied him from Chicago, Illinois, were identified by the Peoria

REVEREND RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

Journal Star, a daily newspaper, as SOLOMON JONES, Southern Christian Leadership Conference Staff Member and Reverend JOHN ADAMS of the Methodist Board of Social Concern, Washington, D.C.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

FBI WASH DC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

JUL 31 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI MIAMI

948PM EDT 7-31-68 URGENT

TO DIRECTOR AND TAMPA (AIRMAIL)
FROM MIAMI

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-19-82 BY [REDACTED]

REV. RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. RACIAL MATTER.

RE MIAMI TEL CALL TO TAMPA, INSTANT.
ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH M.I. GROUP, MIAMI ADVISED THIS
EVENING THAT SUBJECT DEPARTED MIAMI INSTANT ON NATIONAL AIRLINES
FLIGHT THIRTYONE ARRIVING TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SEVEN
THIRTY PM, INSTANT, ACCOMPANIED BY EIGHT INDIVIDUALS NOT
FURTHER IDENTIFIED. SUBJECT MET AT AIRPORT BY REV. A.D. KING,
GEORGIA DAVIS, MEMBER OF KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE AND APPROXIMATELY
FORTY PEOPLE PREDOMINANTLY NEGROES, WEARING ORANGE AND WHITE
ARMBANDS. ARRIVAL COVERED BY PRESS MEDIA, NBC AND LOCAL
TELEVISION. LOCAL AUTHORITIES PROVIDED ESCORT TO PRE-
DOMINANTLY NEGRO GIBBS HIGH SCHOOL, ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA,
WHERE RALLY WAS TO COMMENCE AT EIGHT PM, INSTANT.

TAMPA DIVISION AND SECRET SERVICE, MIAMI, ADVISED TELE-
PHONICALLY. SIGNIFICANCE OF ARMBANDS UNKNOWN.

LHM FOLLOWS.

END

CAB

FBI WASH DC

RETYPE SLB SEP 4-1968

ROOM 836 9&D b7c

REC-71

25 AUG 7 1968

CONS [REDACTED] b7c

F B I

Date: 8/1/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-2564)

REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY
PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
RACIAL MATTERS

7-14-92
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 9/22/89 BY 424532

Re Tampa teletype to Bureau, Jacksonville and
Miami, 8/1/68, captioned "INCIDENTS INVOLVING STRIKE OF
SANITATION WORKERS, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA., RM; and Miami
teletype to Bureau, 7/31/68, entitled "REV. RALPH D.
ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE. RM."

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of IMM,
dated and captioned as above, suitable for dissemination.

16 AUG 8 1968

Enclosed for Tampa are 5 copies of IMM.

ENCLOSURE

- 3 - Bureau (Enc-11)
- 2 - Tampa (Enc-5)
- 5 - Miami
 - (1 - 157-2564)
 - (1 - 157-1570)
 - (1 - 157-489) (SCIC)
 - (1 - 105-16665) (REPCON)
 - (1 - 157-1087) (PRV)

AGENCY: ACSI, OSI; SEC. SER?

REF: ISD, CRD, RAO FOR

DATE FORW: 8/8/68

HOW FORW: R/S

BY: [REDACTED]

C. C. Bishop

OCT 16 1968
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
August 1, 1968

RE: REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY
PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
RACIAL MATTERS

b7c

On July 31, 1968 [REDACTED] 111th
MI Group, Miami, Florida, advised that Reverend RALPH D.
ABERNATHY departed Miami on National Airlines Flight 31,
arriving Tampa International Airport at 7:30 PM, on July
31, 1968, accompanied by eight individuals, not further
identified.

Reverend ABERNATHY was met at Tampa International
Airport by Reverend A. D. KING, GEORGIA DAVIS, member of the
Kentucky Legislature, and approximately forty people,
predominantly Negroes, wearing orange and white arm bands.
The arrival of Reverend ABERNATHY was covered by press
media, NBC and local television in Tampa. Local authorities
provided escort to the predominantly Negro Gibbs High School,
St. Petersburg, Florida, where a rally was to commence at
8 PM, July 31, 1968.

The above information was furnished to the United
States Secret Service, Miami, and the Miami Beach Police
Department, Miami Beach, Florida, by Special Agent [REDACTED]

b7c

Copies of this memorandum are being disseminated
to the 111th MI Group, Miami and Orlando, Florida; U. S.
Secret Service, Miami; and the United States Attorney,
Miami.

This document contains neither recommendations
nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI
and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not
to be distributed outside your agency.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 9/22/89 BY [REDACTED]

COPIES DESTROYED

286 JAN 5 1971

9/22/89
2-14-92
b7c
100-442706-25X
157-96-2

F B I

Date: 7/23/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority) *b7c*

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI BY: [REDACTED]

FROM: SAC, WFO (9-New) (P) (ATTEN: FBI LABORATORY
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION)*b7c*
UNSUB; aka [REDACTED] *680-24055*
United States Congressman
ALBERT QUIE, ANCHER NELSEN,
PAUL FINDLEY, UNITED STATES
SENATOR CHARLES PERCY-VICTIMS
EXTORTION
(OO:DALLAS)*b7c*
ReWFOtel to Director, Dallas and Oklahoma City,
7/19/68.Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and
seven copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. One
copy of LHM is enclosed for Dallas and one copy of LHM
enclosed for Oklahoma City, in view of outstanding leads
at those divisions.The investigation as described in the LHM was
conducted at Washington, D.C., by SA [REDACTED] *b7c*

- b7c*
-
- 5 - Bureau (Encs. 10)
-
- 1 - Dallas (9-2416) (Info) (Encs. 2)
-
- 1 - Oklahoma City (Enc. 2) (Info)
-
- 1 - WFO
- Lab report to WFO*
-
- 7-24-68*
-
- 100-442706*

(8)

AIRTEL

C. C. Bishop

AUG 12 1968

NOT RECORDED

Sent 180 AUG 13 1968 Per

Approved: [REDACTED]

Special Agent in Charge

53 AUG 13 1968

ORIGINAL FILED IN 9-4233-3
MAILED COPY OF THIS FILED IN

WFO 9-New

Enclosed for the Laboratory are the following items:

- 1) A one page typewritten letter addressed to Representative ALBERT QUIE-Minnesota.
- 2) White envelope addressed to Representative ALBERT QUIE, Congressman from Minnesota, Washington, D.C., postmarked July 17, 1968, and containing the return address [REDACTED] Davidson, Oklahoma.

Both items were furnished to this Agent on 7/19/68, at the Rayburn Building Office of Congressman QUIE, by QUIE's [REDACTED]. The letter had been received at that office at approximately 3:30 p.m., that date, and its contents are self-explanatory.

b7c
The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct a latent fingerprint examination of the enclosed letter in order to develop possible prints of the unsub. It should be noted that [REDACTED] advised that the letter received wide handling at Congressman QUIE's office before its receipt came to his attention. He noted that at least seven individuals and possibly more had handled the letter.

In addition, the FBI Laboratory is also requested to determine the manufacturer and type of typewriter used in the typing of the letter and envelope.

LEAD

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Will obtain elimination fingerprints from known handlers of the original letter if determined necessary.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D.C. 20535

July 23, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-14-92 BY [REDACTED]

**THREATS ON THE LIVES OF
UNITED STATES CONGRESSMEN
ALBERT QUIE,
ANCHER NELSEN,
PAUL FINDLEY, and
UNITED STATES SENATOR CHARLES PERCY
EXTORTION**

On July 19, 1968, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] to United States Congressman
Albert Quie, Rayburn Office Building, Washington, D.C.,
furnished to an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investi-
gation, a carbon copy typewritten letter which had been
received at that office at approximately 3:30 p.m., that
day. The letter was contained in an envelope addressed
to "Rep. Albert Quie, Congressman from Minn., Washington,
D.C.", and bore a post mark of July 17, 1968, at Lubbock,
Texas. In addition, the envelope also bore the return
address [REDACTED] Davidson, Okla." b7c

On July 19, 1968, the following individuals
representing their respective organizations were con-
tacted concerning the receipt of the afore-mentioned
letter and all advised that they would take appropriate
action within their different jurisdictions:

Special Agent [REDACTED] Protective Intelligence
Division, United States Secret Service;
[REDACTED] Intelligence Division,
Metropolitan Police Department;
[REDACTED] United States Capitol Police

The following is a Xerox copy of the afore-
mentioned letter set forth in its entirety:

ENCLOSURE

100-442706.

P.S. The latest reports on TV say you are taking too much power on farm limit payments.

Rep. Albert Quie R-Minn.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-14-92 BY [REDACTED] b7C

Old Martin King, tried to take too much authority, it took \$50,000.00 to get him. The information and record we have of regarding farm programs and other voting records, of yours, the bearer of the ^{this} original copy has already been paid to plant a bomb at his choosing to get you in your car or your home whenever he sees the proper moment has arrived. So buddy you want need to vote yourself a higher pension, cause you are not going to need it. There want be gun left either, in fact there want be even any guts left if you even have any. You know Kennedy was talking to all powerful, wasn't he. If you should change your ideas regarding farm payments, I guess its too late because the boy from Oklahoma wanted the \$500.00 to bad, the men ~~watching~~ your voting are getting the job done a lot cheaper for a Congressman than it cost to get a negro. Its costing alot more to get Abernethy than a congressman. Old Ancher Nelson might get his before you don't wake up some day. Paul Findly time is limited also. It was easy to raise the \$1500.00 to get three gutless apes terminated, it will be interesting to watch the papers on how the old boy from Okla. does it. This is not a crank warning, you are causing too much hard ship, and bombs leave no tales sometimes not even any guts. King and Kennedy didn't listen did they. Percy daughter had to die for him, didn't she, he will get later. Xxx

You are only getting the copy, the boy with the \$1500.00 has the original as this is a contract. The boy with the \$1500 is watching your every move, in fact he has lots more than the \$1500.00 John Kennedy was told not to go to Dallas.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency.

F B I

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-14-92 BY [REDACTED]

Date: 8/21/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-NEW) (C)
SUBJECT: RALPH ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTER - SCLC

Re Las Vegas telephone calls to Atlanta and
Los Angeles, 8/20/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a LHM
dated and captioned as above at Las Vegas, Nevada. One
copy each of the LHM is enclosed for Atlanta and Los Angeles.

[REDACTED] contacted SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Las Vegas PD. was contacted
by SAS [REDACTED]

Dissemination is being made to OSI, Travis AFB,
California; U.S. Naval Investigative Service, San Diego,
California; 901st INTC, Lake Mead Base, Nevada; 115th MI
Detachment, Nellis AFB, Nevada.

Note that Dr. COLLINS could be identical to
G. MANSFIELD COLLINS, Western Christian Fellowship Conference,
Los Angeles, California, who made 1964 trip to Las Vegas with
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Inasmuch as the above appears to be unfounded, no
further investigation is being conducted by the Las Vegas
Office; however, any new information will immediately be
furnished the Bureau and interested offices.

3-Bureau (Encs. 8) (RM)
1-Atlanta (Enc. 1) (RM)
1-Los Angeles (Enc. 1) (RM)
1-Las Vegas [REDACTED]

AGENCY: ACSI, SEC. OSI, SEC. SERV.,

DEPT: ISD, CRD, RAO [REDACTED] CRIM-DIV.

HOW FORW: [REDACTED]

8 AUG 22 1968

57 AUG 30 1968

Approved: [REDACTED]

Special Agent in Charge

M Per [REDACTED]

LV 157-NEW

Efforts to locate [REDACTED] at the Showboat Hotel
b7c have been unsuccessful; although [REDACTED] is still registered,
he has not returned to his room since 8/20/68.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Las Vegas, Nevada

August 21, 1968

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-14-92 BY [redacted] b7c

RALPH ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTER - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

[redacted]

[redacted] b7c b7D

[redacted]

[redacted]

100-442706-26

ENCLOSURE

RALPH ABERNATHY:

b2
b7D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that officers covered the Greyhound Bus Depot at 9:00 A.M. on August 20, 1968, and the Reverend Abernathy did not arrive. Clark County Sheriff's Office had sent cars to cover the highway between Los Angeles, California, and Las Vegas, Nevada, and no buses, except regularly scheduled buses, were observed.

[REDACTED] said based on the above, he believes the report that Abernathy was coming to Las Vegas to be unfounded.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

Mr. Felt _____
 Mr. Baker _____
 Mr. Callahan _____
 Mr. Cleveland _____
 Mr. Conrad _____
 Mr. Gebhardt _____
 Mr. Jenkins _____
 Mr. Marshall _____
 Mr. Miller ☒ _____
 Mr. Soyars _____
 Mr. Thompson _____
 Mr. Walters _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Mr. Kinley _____
 Mr. Armstrong _____
 Mr. Bowers _____
 Mr. Herington _____
 Ms. Herwig _____
 Mr. Mintz _____
 Mrs. Neenan _____

Abernathy Quits SCLC, Cites Lack of Support

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, who has headed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference since Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, announced today he is resigning, primarily because of lack of financial support.

"The financial income at SCLC has been on a steady decline for the last several years," Abernathy, 47, told a news conference at SCLC headquarters.

"We have cut our staff far below the number necessary to carry on a live and vibrant program. I am unable to proceed any further without adequate staff," he said.

He said many black persons who now occupy "high positions made possible through our struggles" will

not support SCLC financially.

He also said he needed to devote full time to his ministry of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church.

Abernathy said his successor will be chosen next month during SCLC's 16th convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Abernathy's resignation will be effective Aug. 16, the day the convention begins.

Referring to his 17 years in the civil rights movement, Abernathy said:

"These struggles have caused me to have been jailed and imprisoned now 36 times; the bombing of my home and the dynamiting of my church; living under constant harassment and the threat of death; my being sued for \$3 million; my automobile taken away

and sold at public auction; as well as property inherited from my family, taken away and sold in an effort to satisfy an unjust judgment," the SCLC president said.

"These and many other struggles have left me battered, tired and worn, for I bear on my body the marks and bruises of the movement to make men free. But in spite of my weariness, please know that even though my head is bloody, it is unbowed."

Last fall, several key SCLC staffers resigned but declined to give a reason.

Abernathy has headed SCLC for five years, since the assassination of King, first SCLC president, in April 1968.

STAR NEWS

7-9-73

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 7-14-92 BY [redacted]

100-442706-A -

NOT RECORDED

2 JUL 27 1973

100-442706

Abernathy Quits SCLC, Cites Lack of Support

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, who has headed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference since Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, announced today he is resigning, primarily because of lack of financial support.

"The financial income at SCLC has been on a steady decline for the last several years," Abernathy, 47, told a news conference at SCLC headquarters.

"We have cut our staff far below the number necessary to carry on a live and vibrant program. I am unable to proceed any further without adequate staff," he said.

He said many black persons who now occupy "high positions" made possible through our struggles will not support SCLC financially.

He also said he needed to devote full time to his ministry of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church.

Abernathy said his successor will be chosen next month during SCLC's 16th convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Abernathy's resignation will be effective Aug. 16, the day the convention begins.

Referring to his 17 years in the civil rights movement, Abernathy said:

"These struggles have caused me to have been jailed and imprisoned now 36 times; the bombing of my home and the dynamiting of my church; living under constant harassment and the threat of death; my being sued for \$3 million; my automobile taken

and sold at public auction; as well as property inherited from my family, taken away and sold in an effort to satisfy an unjust judgment," the SCLC president said.

"These and many other struggles have left me battered, tired and worn, for I bear on my body the marks and bruises of the movement to make men free. But in spite of my weariness, please know that even though my head is bloody, it is unbowed."

Last fall, several key SCLC staffers resigned but declined to give a reason.

Abernathy has headed SCLC for five years, since the assassination of King, first SCLC president, in April 1968.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-11-92 BY [redacted]
334, 459

Mr. Tolson ☒
Mr. Baker ☒
Mr. Callahan ☒
Mr. Cleveland ☒
Mr. Conrad ☒
Mr. Gebhardt ☒
Mr. Jenkins ☒
Mr. Marshall ☒
Mr. Miller, E.S. ☒
Mr. Soyars ☒
Mr. Thompson ☒
Mr. Walters ☒
Tele. Room ☒
Mr. Baise ☒
Mr. Barnes ☒
Mr. Bowers ☒
Mr. Herington ☒
Mr. Conmy ☒
Mr. Mintz ☒
Mr. Eardley ☒
Mrs. Hogan ☒

The Washington Post Times Herald ☒
The Evening Star (Washington) ☒
The Sunday Star (Washington) ☒
Daily News (New York) ☒
Sunday News (New York) ☒
New York Post ☒
The New York Times ☒
The Daily World ☒
The New Leader ☒
The Wall Street Journal ☒
The National Observer ☒
People's World ☒

DATE JUL 9 1973

100-442706-A-115
NOT RECORDED
2 JUL 17 1973

100-442706 FINAL EDITION

59 JUL 25 1973

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION
COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: RALPH ABERNATHY

PART 2 OF 5

FBI
b7c

8/22/68

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Bishop ✓
Mr. Casper ✓
Mr. Callahan ✓
Mr. Conrad ✓
Mr. Felt ✓
Mr. Gale ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Sullivan ✓
Mr. Tavel ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Miss Holmes ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

Transmit the following in

EXTENDED BY

REASON FOR EXTENSION

(Type in plaintext or code)

FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2

TELETYPE

DATE OF REVIEW FOR

URGENT

DECLASSIFICATION

(Priority)

73128 54688 FOJ 14

TO: DIRECTOR, AND SACS CHICAGO
ATLANTA
PHILADELPHIA

FROM: SAC, WFO

ALLEGED PLAN TO ASSASSINATE REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY
Democratic Convention
DEMCON

REC'D - ROSEN

AUG 28 1968

2 - Bureau

3 - Teletype Unit

3 - WFO

17 AUG 27 1968

TELETYPE

Approved:

Sent

M

Per

57 SEP 4

In Charge

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET**

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- ☒ Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

Section 552Section 552a☐ (b)(1)☐ (b)(7)(A)☐ (d)(5)☐ (b)(2)☐ (b)(7)(B)☐ (j)(2)☐ (b)(3)☒ (b)(7)(C)☐ (k)(1)☒ (b)(7)(D)☐ (k)(2)☐ (b)(7)(E)☐ (k)(3)☐ (b)(7)(F)☐ (k)(4)☐ (b)(4)☐ (b)(8)☐ (k)(5)☐ (b)(5)☐ (b)(9)☐ (k)(6)☐ (b)(6)☐ (k)(7)

- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- ☐ Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

- ☐ For your information:

- ☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

100-442706-27 pg 2

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 X DELETED PAGE(S) X
 X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
 X FOR THIS PAGE X
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)

PAGE THREE

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EU

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 4

[REDACTED]

CHICAGO CONTACT LOCAL SOURCES AND SOURCES OF OTHER OFFICES
PRESENTLY IN CHICAGO FOR DEMCON REGARDING ALLEGED PLAN. e

[REDACTED] e 4

CHICAGO FURNISH INFO TO CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ORDER
THAT REVEREND ABERNATHY MAY BE MADE COGNIZANT OF THE ALLEGED
ASSASSINATION PLAN.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M

Per _____

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET**

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- ☒ Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

Section 552Section 552a☐ (b)(1)☐ (b)(7)(A)☐ (d)(5)☐ (b)(2)☐ (b)(7)(B)☐ (j)(2)☐ (b)(3)☒ (b)(7)(C)☐ (k)(1)☒ (b)(7)(D)☐ (k)(2)☐ (b)(7)(E)☐ (k)(3)☐ (b)(7)(F)☐ (k)(4)☐ (b)(4)☐ (b)(8)☐ (k)(5)☐ (b)(5)☐ (b)(9)☐ (k)(6)☐ (b)(6)☐ (k)(7)

- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- ☐ Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

- ☐ For your information:

- ☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

100-442706-27 pg 4

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 X DELETED PAGE(S) X
 X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
 X FOR THIS PAGE X
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date _____

We have previously received information of an alleged plot to assassinate Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and he is aware of such

b7C
b7D [REDACTED]
Abernathy reportedly in Chicago with other Southern Christian Leadership Conference leaders and Chicago Police Department being advised of the alleged plot.

Pertinent information being included in teletype summary to the White House and interested agencies and officials.

b7C **b7C**
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 9-17-80 BY [REDACTED]

b7C 7-14-92

334,459 **b7C**

b7C
AUG 28 1968

VIA TELETYPE
AUG 23 1968
ENCIPHERED

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

3:45PM URGENT 8-23-68

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, PHILADELPHIA AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE
FROM ATLANTA

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-14-92 BY [REDACTED]

ALLEGED PLAN TO ASSASSINATE REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY ATLANTA
FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO FIVE SEVEN.

DEMCON, ATLANTA FILE ONE HUNDRED - SEVEN THREE SEVEN ZERO.

RE WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST TWO THREE
INSTANT CAPTIONED AS ABOVE AND ATLANTA AIRTELS AND LHM DATED
AUGUST TWELVE LAST CAPTIONED POCAM.

ATLANTA SOURCES HAVE NO CURRENT INFORMATION RE ALLEGED
PLAN TO ASSASSINATE ABERNATHY.

REFERENCED AIRTELS REFLECT THAT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

AUG 30 1968

REC-19

100-442706-28
6 AUG 29 1968

TWO COPIES TO WFO
59 SEP 9 - 1968

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- ☒ Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

Section 552Section 552a☐ (b)(1)☐ (b)(7)(A)☐ (d)(5)☐ (b)(2)☐ (b)(7)(B)☐ (j)(2)☐ (b)(3)☒ (b)(7)(C)☐ (k)(1)☒ (b)(7)(D)☐ (k)(2)☐ (b)(7)(E)☐ (k)(3)☐ (b)(7)(F)☐ (k)(4)☐ (b)(4)☐ (b)(8)☐ (k)(5)☐ (b)(5)☐ (b)(9)☐ (k)(6)☐ (b)(6)☐ (k)(7)

- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- ☐ Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s): _____

☐ For your information: _____

- ☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

100-442706 - 28 page 2

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 X DELETED PAGE(S) X
 X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
 X FOR THIS PAGE X
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

FBI WASH DC

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FBI CHICAGO

455PM URGENT 8-30-68

TO DIRECTOR (100-330971) (105-10079) AND ATLANTA (100-5718)
FROM CHICAGO (100-35635) (105-16238) (P) 1P

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 9-19-81 BY [redacted]

NATION OF ISLAM, RM - NCI, OO: CHICAGO.

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), RM, OO: ATLANTA.

FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND ATLANTA.

[REDACTED]

ABOVE ORALLY DISSEMINATED LOCAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES.

LHM FOLLOWS.

END

LPT

FBI WASH DC

Classified by [redacted]
Declassify on: OADR

7-15-92 b7c

141 SEP 6 1968

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE

54 SEP 13 1968

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ORIGINAL FILED IN 100-442706-8232

9/12/68

AIRTEL

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-14-92 BY [REDACTED]

1 - [REDACTED]
b7c

TO: SAC, Chicago

FROM: Director, FBI (100-442706)

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
INFORMATION CONCERNING - RACIAL MATTERS

Reurtel 8/28/68 captioned "Demcon."

Discreetly determine through established sources the details, including size, cost, and other pertinent data concerning the subject's elaborate suite at the Conrad Hilton Hotel during the National Convention of the Democratic Party. Submit the results of your inquiry in a form suitable for dissemination.

b7c
(4)

NOTE:

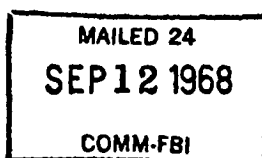
Chicago advised that during the National Convention of the Democratic Party, Abernathy had an elaborate suite at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago.

EX-100

REC-52

100-442706-29
17
6 SEP 1968

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____



54 SEP 23 1968

MAIL ROOM ☒

TELETYPE UNIT ☐

REC-52

King's Men Return To Memphis

"What Shall Become Of His Dreams?"

Memphis

William Faulkner located Mulberry Street so precisely and described its major industry so vividly in one of his early novels that lustful visitors from the rural mid-South memorized the passage and used it as their guide to the rows of dingy houses where three-dollar whores did business until the military authorities forced the city to clean up the neighborhood during World War II.

Before virtue was imposed, white customers had access to white girls and black girls—in different houses, of course. Black men were restricted to black girls. Police who patrolled the area and protected the madames for a percentage had great sport with Negroes who were so foolish and so lost to Southern decorum as to seek appointments with white prostitutes. The girls were encouraged to accept payment in advance and tip off the police, who awaited the hapless blacks and proceeded, either in a back alley or at the central police station uptown, to beat them as near to death as might be without actually producing a corpse.

Now the whores, or anyhow the open whorehouses and their visitors, are gone from Mulberry Street. Visitors of another sort, nearly all of them black, go there now. Walter Bailey, the black owner of the Lorraine Motel, estimates that at least five thousand men, women and children have climbed the steps to the motel's gallery and walked to the corner outside of Room 306 since the evening of April 4. They stand there, on the spot where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. last stood, and gaze across Mulberry Street and a vacant waste of weeds and trash toward the flop-house window from which the shot that killed him was fired. If they enter room 306, they are expected to sign a lined ledger, its pages dirtied with much turning, and pay one dollar toward the cost of embellishing the room. How small and close it is in the summer heat—how comfortable memorial. They may read without charge a quotation from Genesis, lettered on a placard

on the outer wall: "Behold, here cometh the dreamer . . . let us slay him . . . and we shall see what shall become of his dreams."

This week the Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, Dr. King's successor at the head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, returned to Memphis for the SCLC's eleventh annual convention and was installed in a \$50 per day suite at the Claridge, a white-owned and more commodious hotel many blocks north of the Mulberry slum. For this he was not to be reproached. Dr. King had lodged at the sparse Lorraine, the best hotel owned by a Negro in Memphis, only after the local press had taken embarrassing note of his and his assistant's quarters at an expensive mid-town hostelry. The Memphis police, extremely nervous in any case over the holding of the convention here so soon after Dr. King's murder and the riotous turmoil that followed it, would have objected strenuously if Mr. Abernathy had elected to stage a symbolic and, for the purposes of running a national assembly, impractical return to the Lorraine. Mr. Abernathy and his senior associates were reluctant to go there at all or to burden the convention with its dreadful memories. A few delegates and junior staff members put up there, and some of them urged Mr. Abernathy to pay at least a brief memorial visit. But the formal memorial service for Dr. King was scheduled at a church in a more sedate section of black Memphis, and Mr. Abernathy's crisp and efficient executive assistant, the Reverend Andrew Young, said with marked emphasis that no convention events of any importance would occur on Mulberry Street. "Personally," he said, "I don't want to bother with it."

There was no lack of homage to Dr. King. His widow, Mrs. Coretta King, delivered one of the featured speeches and accepted for him the SCLC's annual Rosa Parks award, named for the old black woman who refused to move to the back of the bus and so launched the historic Montgomery, Alabama boycott and Dr. King's rise in the 1950s from an obscure pastorate to world fame. But Dr. King is dead, and a purpose of Ralph Abernathy and loyal members of the SCLC staff is to establish Abernathy not only as the chosen heir, but as a worthy heir who has his own dreams (as he has said) and proposes to realize them. At the Memphis airport, when he arrived from the home base in Atlanta with Andy Young and a few other staffers, 300 or more young Memphis Negroes greeted him with a song that went as follows:

"We have a leader of the SCLC,
His name is Aber-N-A-
We must delight him, we must obey him,
For we have a leader, and his name is Aber-N-A."

When Mr. Abernathy, looking short and heavy and a trifle sweaty under the camera lights, told the crowd

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-14-92 BY [redacted] b7c

REC-52 100-442706-30

NOT RECORDED

SEP 17 1968

100-442706 file 5 b7c

53 SEP 24 1968

that he was going to be at the Democratic Convention in Chicago with the SCLC's mule train and insistent demands that the Democrats do better by the organization and its call for massive assistance to the nation's poor than Richard Nixon and the Republicans had done in Miami Beach, an ecstatic black girl exclaimed to another girl beside her, "Yes, sir and I'm gonna be there with him." She and many other young ladies in the crowd wore silken banners variously inscribed "stationary hostess" and "rotating hostess," presumably in reference to their duties at the SCLC's sessions. At his first press conference, Mr. Abernathy announced that the principal aim of this convention, apart from its reminder to Memphis and the nation that this is the city where Martin Luther King was murdered, was to affirm the SCLC's advance, in a big way, into "the political arena." In the coming months, he said, "This is where we plan to move," indicating as he had in Miami Beach that he and his followers plan to move against Richard Nixon and in support of any of the currently visible Democratic candidates for the Presidency.

How much in the way of political weight and organization does Mr. Abernathy have to move into the new arena? He has his own not inconsiderable appeal, very different in its leaden style from Dr. King's soaring eloquence but a substantial factor for all of that. He has the SCLC's national staff, a mixed bag of fiery rousers (Hosea Williams, the Reverend James Bevel) and cool managers (Andy Young), known equally for their zeal and for the net chaos which made the recent Poor People's March on Washington and its Resurrection City a saddening shambles. The organization has no fixed and measurable membership: the 287 "affiliates" it currently claims may consist of a single church or several churches, one of several activist ministers also associated with such other organizations as the NAACP, or (as in Alabama and South Carolina) local groups devoted to voter registration and guidance. Daily estimates of attendance at this convention dwindled from 2,000 to 1,000, when Andrew Young was asked for "a serious figure," to "perhaps 500." But measures of this kind do not really apply to the SCLC. Its power is a power to goad and embarrass the Establishment, whether it be represented by the city government of Memphis in the black garbage collectors' strike which brought Dr. King here and to his death, or the Republican and Democratic Parties at their conventions, or the Johnson Administration in Washington. Without too much facetiousness, it may be said that the SCLC in its operative essence consists of Ralph Abernathy, his staff, an occasional string of hired and discernibly unhappy mules, and the television cameramen who seldom resist a summons

to the spectacles thus provided. And in rural Alabama and in Chicago and Cleveland and Washington and now again here in Memphis, the black people hear and see in Ralph Abernathy and his entourage an expression of their frustrations and their hopes. More often than not in the past, they have had to look to other men and organizations to fulfill the promise offered and the hopes raised by the SCLC. But not always: it is generally acknowledged that this city's black populace and the leadership, united for once behind their black garbage-men, would not have brought white business and its government to their knees without the intervention, fatal to him, of Mr. King last March and April.

Ralph Abernathy said upon his arrival that he had had his doubts about having this year's convention here. Because of the drain in energy and money of the Poor People's March, he and his staff decided only on July 20 that it was feasible to have a 1968 convention anywhere. His doubts could not have equalled those of white Memphis and, for that matter, of a good many black Memphians. Racially and otherwise, this city has changed immensely in the years since Faulkner's visiting Mississippi whites and the local police took their sport on Mulberry and adjacent streets. The integration of schools, hotel accommodations, stores and factories had proceeded so quietly, on the whole, that white Memphis by early 1968 thought it had it made. Black Memphis knew better, but did not seem disposed to speed the process in any drastic way. Here, as in several other Southern cities, the assumption that the region was, after all, home to blacks and whites alike and therefore less likely than other regions to suffer the extreme pangs of Detroit or Newark or Watts seemed to be borne out.

Then came the successful garbage strike for union recognition and higher wages, the display of black power that brought it off, and the murder of Dr. King. The result was a profound civic trauma — a state of shock from which white Memphians thought they were emerging, though they really were not, when Mr. Abernathy and his staff decided to come back with the SCLC. What the whites call "trouble," minimized though it was by the Memphis newspapers, was already manifest and in the making. A growing group of black militants styled themselves "The Invaders" and brought down upon themselves the full, though as yet quietly exercised might of the Memphis police. Four of them, who also happened to be employees of the federally financed youth project, were arrested at the home of the leading Invader and charged with possessing marijuana. The policy interpret state and local laws to mean that they can order any street crowd to disperse if the locale or attitude or presence of suspect individuals in it suggests brewing mischief to patrolling

officers, and that they can arrest anybody who resists the order. An Invader was picked up on such a charge not long ago, enraging his followers, and on the Sunday before the SCLC's convention opened, a police car in a black neighborhood was stoned when the patrolmen ordered a night crowd to break up. This week the aggressive Memphis chapter of the NAACP won the first of a series of intended boycotts aimed at compelling stores, banks, and other white-owned businesses in black neighborhoods to hire or begin to train Negroes for the top jobs. The Reverend Andrew Kyle, a black pastor and one of SCLC's personal "affiliants," found Memphis to be so "up tight" that he broadcast over a radio station his assurance and the national organization's promise that no street demonstrations or other possibly provocative episodes would be staged by the conventioners. But he could not speak for the Invaders, or for white provocateurs of the sort rumored in the black community to be converging upon Memphis.

White Memphis took comfort from its illusion that a recently appointed Director of Fire and Police, a soft-spoken FBI veteran named Frank Holloman, had the trust of black Memphis and therefore had the situation well in hand. Talking to Mr. Holloman about his and Memphis' racial problems is a numbing experience. He speaks of justice along with order, quotes J. Edgar Hoover and Abraham Lincoln with equal facility (and, in his view, to identical effect), and tells with pride — some of it justified — of his efforts to recruit more black policemen and teach his white policemen (who outnumber the blacks more than ten to one) to forego such terms as "nigger" and "boy" when ad-

ressing both their black colleagues and the black citizenry. But his total demeanor justifies the view of Mrs. Maxine Smith, the NAACP chapter's Executive Director, that "we will have a problem here until Mr. Holloman recognizes the problem." She had recently received a letter from him, denying that her husband and several other prominent Negroes had been "Maced" and otherwise abused during a riot in March. She saw the happening herself, and like several other black leaders says that she is no longer interested in discussing matters with Director Holloman. He continues to believe that he is in constructive communication with Mrs. Smith and other black leaders who feel about him as she does. He also takes great pride in his Community Relations unit, consisting of two black officers and two white officers under black Lieutenant R. J. Turner, a 20-year veteran on the force. A white captain of detectives, asked this week for directions to the Lieutenant's office, turned to a subordinate and said, "I didn't even know we had a nigger named Turner around here."

Director Holloman mobilized most of his black policemen as a security guard for Ralph Abernathy and his principal assistants. They packed the Claridge lobby and the floor where SCLC's top blacks were housed, with a psychological effect somewhat diminished by the fact that they were under white command. On the Memphis streets, patrolling officers exchanged their usual soft caps for riot helmets. Two blacks from the Claridge Hotel, and a block from the central police station, James Earl Ray, the man accused of killing Dr. King, awaited his trial in solitary confinement in the Shelby County jail.

Chicago: Challenge at the Convention

A test of whether Vice President Humphrey can hold his unwieldy coalition together in Chicago and go on to win his party's nomination will come early in the convention when the delegates wrestle with a series of credentials challenges, proposed rules changes and, of course, the Vietnam plank in the platform. As of mid-August, the Humphrey camp seemed ready to give way at every possible point, short of a renunciation of President Johnson by name or a wholesale unseating of pro-Humphrey delegates. By this strategy, the most optimistic among the Vice President's backers hope to liberate their candidate from the taint of "old politics" and get his campaign off to a flying start.

There are 18 credentials challenges, of which the

McCarthy camp is aggressively pushing the half-dozen or so regarded as serious. In each case, McCarthy has nothing to lose and quite a bit to gain by making a fight of it. For instance, he could pick up at least 100 votes in Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Indiana, Washington and Texas if his strategists are successful at Chicago. In the process, McCarthy's backers hope to drive the hard core of old-line Southern delegates not being challenged and now generally regarded as pro-Humphrey into a "third force," thus endangering Mr. Humphrey's prospects of getting the nomination on an early ballot.

Four years ago at Atlantic City, the party passed a resolution, in the wake of the fight over seating the

F B I

Date: 9/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-18339) [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: COMINFIL SCLC
IS-C
b7CALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 9-19-80 BY [REDACTED]
805147351F 5466K

"Stamford Advocate", a daily newspaper published in Stamford, Connecticut, recently carried a story on page one to the effect that the Reverend Dr. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY and Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., would launch the first Chapter of the SCLC in Connecticut on 9/27/68, at a meeting to be held at Rippowam High School Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

Subsequent information has determined that Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., will in all probability not attend the meeting.

According to the article, the Reverend ANDREW YOUNG, HOSEA WILLIAMS, and Y. T. ROGERS, Director of Affiliates for SCLC, would also be on hand. Dr. ABERNATHY is to speak on the objectives of SCLC in the North when he presides at the initiation ceremonies.

The Chapter is being sponsored by the Wilson Memorial Church, Stamford, Connecticut, and was organized by Mrs. ELIZABETH DILLARD, 97 Washington Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut, a member of the congregation.

- 4- Bureau (3- 100-438794)
 (1) Rev. ABERNATHY
 3- Atlanta (2- 100-5718)
 (1- 157-257 Rev. ABERNATHY)
 4- New Haven (2- 100-18339)
 (1) [REDACTED] (2- 157- Rev. ABERNATHY)
 (11)

REGISTERED MAIL

100-442706
 NOT RECORDED
 165 SEP 30 1968

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

NH 100-18339

Officers of the Chapter are:

Bishop C. H. BREWER
New Haven, Connecticut
Executive Director and Treasurer

Mrs. ELIZABETH DILLARD
Assistant Executive Director

Miss BEVERLY MEDLEY
Executive Secretary

Dr. ERWIN EDMONDS
New Haven, Connecticut
Advisor

Rev. JAMES WILKINSON
Field Staff Director

Rev. HAROLD MC CORD
Assistant Field Staff Director

Members of the Board of Directors are:

Rev. WILLIE GINYARD
Chairman

ALVIN BROOKS
President

Mrs. MARY MEDLEY
Vice Chairman

HAROLD JACKSON
Vice President

Miss DELPHINE LITTLES
Secretary

Miss MARY GRIFFIN

NH 100-18339

Mrs. MAGNOLIA JACKSON
New Haven, Connecticut

Mrs. MARY LONG

Rev. ULYSSES RALPH

All of the above individuals are Stamford, Connecticut, residents except as otherwise noted.

LEADS

NEW HAVEN

At Stamford, Connecticut

Will follow and report in LHM details and results of ABERNATHY's visit.

Will review indices, credit and criminal and informants re officers and directors of SCLC.

At New Haven, Connecticut

Will conduct credit, criminal and informant checks re Bishop C. H. BREWER, Dr. ERWIN EDMONDS, and Mrs. MAGNOLIA JACKSON.

In addition, when informant contacts are made will obtain any available information regarding the other officers and directors as set forth in details above.

FBI

Date: 9/26/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-14-92 BY [redacted]

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2940)
SUBJECT: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
INFORMATION CONCERNING - RM

Limited Classification
Review Conducted
See Top Serial
Form 4-774

Re Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 9/12/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of
an LHM, dated and captioned as above. One copy
each has been furnished to USA, Chicago, U. S.
Secret Service, Chicago, and to Region I, 113th
MI Group, Evanston, Illinois. Two copies are
being furnished to Atlanta for information purposes.

The confidential source referred to in
enclosed LHM is [redacted]
[redacted] who requested his identity be
protected [redacted]

- ② - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) (RM)
 - 1 - Cominfil SCLC
 - 1 - RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
- 4 - Chicago
 - 1 - 105-16238 (Cominfil SCLC)
 - 1 - 157-2410 (DEMCON)
 - 1 - 100-44963 (DEMCON)

REC 5

100-442706-31

EX-101

SEP 30 1968

Approved: [signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

AGENCY: ACSI, OSI, SEC. SER.
DATE FORW: 10/2/68
HOW FORW: [redacted]
BY: [redacted]

100-442706-31
80697B
Bureau of the Chief of Police

RAID
b7c

b7D

[REDACTED]

Referenced airtel instructed Chicago to discreetly determine through established sources, the details, including size, cost and other pertinent data concerning the subject's elaborate suite at the Conrad Hilton Hotel during the National Convention of the Democratic Party. The Bureau instructed Chicago to submit the results of this investigation in a form suitable for dissemination.

b7C

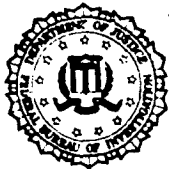
On September 23, 1968, [REDACTED] Conrad Hilton Hotel, 720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, advised the subject was not registered at that hotel during the Democratic National Convention. Reverend FRED BENNETTE of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), attempted during the week prior to the convention, to obtain accommodations at the Conrad Hilton for ABERNATHY, however, BENNETTE was advised that all rooms in that hotel were under the control of the National Committee of the Democratic Party, which committee was making the room assignments. [REDACTED] advised that although ABERNATHY was not registered at the Conrad Hilton, he was observed in that hotel on several occasions and may have had the use of rooms registered to other persons. However, [REDACTED] had no information as to whose room ABERNATHY might have used. [REDACTED] advised it was his understanding that ABERNATHY was registered at the Ambassador Hotel during the convention.

LEADS

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

b7D



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
September 26, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-2940

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-14-92 BY [REDACTED]

67C
[REDACTED]
RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

On September 24, 1968, a confidential source, with whom there has been insufficient contact to determine his reliability, but who is in a position to have information concerning this matter, advised Reverend Ralph Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), from Atlanta, Georgia, rented a suite in the Ambassador Hotel, 1300 North State Parkway, Chicago, from August 24, 1968, through August 30, 1968, which included the period of the Democratic Convention held in Chicago, which suite consisted of two rooms, numbers 814 and 815 and included a bedroom and a living room at a cost of \$52.00 per day. [REDACTED]

67D
[REDACTED]

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

COPIES DESTROYED

286 JAN 5 1971

100-442706-31

RE: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

b7c
b7D



A copy of this communication is being furnished to the United States Attorney, Chicago, United States Secret Service, Chicago, and to Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

10-2-68

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-14-92 BY [REDACTED]

b7c

Airtel

b7c

To: SAC, Chicago (157-2940)

From: Director, FBI (100-442706) -31

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
INFORMATION CONCERNING - RM

ReCGairtel and letterhead memorandum 9-26-68.

No active investigation of Abernathy is desired at this time. Coverage of his activities is to be discreetly maintained through reliable established sources only. Therefore, the coverage of the leads set out in referenced communications should be discreetly handled and office indices only should be checked [REDACTED]

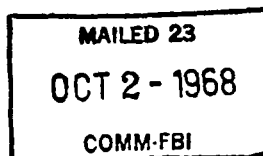
1 - Atlanta

NOTE:

Chicago ascertained through an established source that Abernathy rented a suite at the Ambassador Hotel in Chicago during the Democratic National Convention. [REDACTED]

Chicago and Atlanta are being reminded that Abernathy's activities are to be followed only through reliable established sources.

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____



TELETYPE UNIT ☐

53 OCT 11 1968

b7c

b7c

5-

FBI

Date: 10/4/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via ~~AIRTEL~~ ~~AIRMAIL~~ ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-3713) (P)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC

DECLASSIFIED BY
ON 9-25-84

Enclosed for the Bureau is original and seven copies of LHM and for New York and Chicago one copy each of LHM.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is information from whom must be classified Confidential.

CLASSIFIED AND
EXTENDED BY
PLANSOR F
FCIM, II, 1
DATE OF
DECLASSIFICATION

AGENCY: ASST. DIR., CRT. SEC. SERV.

DATE FORW.: 10/7/68
HOW FORW.:
BY:

NOT RECORDED
183 OCT 14 1968

ENCLOSURE

3-Bureau (RM) (Enc. 3)
1-New York (Enc. 1) (RM)
1-Chicago (Enc. 1) (RM)
1-Atlanta (1-100-3713)

1-157-NEW (JOSHUA B. BOWEN)

51 OCT 21 1968

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINAL FILED IN 100-438794-2353



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia
October 4, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-3718

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Title	Communist Infiltration of Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Character	Internal Security - C
Reference	Letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

October 4, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

100-3713

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CLASSIFIED AND
EXTENDED BY

DATE OF
DECLASSIFICATION

54688
6574
73518

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE.

On October 2, 1968, a confidential source advised that shortly following the 11th annual Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) convention, August 14-17, 1968, Rev. Joseph E. Lowery, Chairman, Board of Directors, SCLC commenced actively participating in an administrative capacity at SCLC National Headquarters, Atlanta, Georgia.

While Ralph D. Abernathy, President, SCLC, has made no formal statement to SCLC Headquarters personnel as to the nature or scope of Lowery's functions or responsibilities Lowery appears to be operating in the capacity of Director of Administration.

Because of a lack of a definition of Lowery's position and the fact he conducts himself in a manner suggesting he is "power hungry" a number of SCLC Executive Staff officials and SCLC employees have developed a distrust of Lowery.

DECLASSIFIED BY 6080

ON 11/29/77

DECLASSIFIED BY

ON 9-25-84

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING

DATE 12/2/77

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
ENCLOSURE

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

FBI

Date: September 30, 1968

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via A I R T E L _____
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)
 FROM SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-18339) P
 SUBJECT COMINFIL SCLC
 IS - C

Re: New Haven airtel, 9/24/68.

Dr. ABERNATHY arrived Stamford, Connecticut, evening of 9/27/68, at approximately 6:30 p.m., addressed an audience of approximately 1,000 at Rippowam High School, Stamford, and departed Stamford for New York City at midnight. Guests at speakers dais included Mayor BRUNO GIORDANO of Stamford and Congressman DONALD IRWIN, Fourth Congressional District of Connecticut.

Reception followed at Roger Smith Hotel. There were no incidents, marchers or demonstrations.

LHM follows.

- 4 - Bureau
 3 - 100-438794
 1 - 157-REV. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
 3 - Atlanta
 2 - 100-5718
 1 - 157-277 (ABERNATHY)
 4 - New Haven
 2 - 100-18339
 2 - 157-959 (ABERNATHY)

(11)
 REGISTERED MAIL

100-442706

NOT RECORDED

7-14-92
 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 9-22-00 BY [REDACTED]

Approved: 530CT151568

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

FBI

Date: 10/10/68

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

Transmit the following DATE 7-14-93 BY [redacted]

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2940) (RUC)
SUBJECT: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
INFORMATION CONCERNING - RM
(OO: Atlanta)

Re Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum (LHM)
dated 9/26/68, and Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 10/2/68.

For the information of Memphis, Indianapolis, and
WFO, the Bureau instructed Chicago to discreetly determine
through established sources the details of ABERNATHY's hotel
accommodations in Chicago during the Democratic National
Convention. Chicago reported the results of this
investigation in referenced airtel and LHM.

- ③ - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (RM)
- 2 - Indianapolis (RM)
- 2 - Memphis (RM)
- 2 - WFO (RM)
- 1 - Chicago

REC-16

EX 109

20 OCT 12 1968

(12)

C. C. Bishop

54 OCT 21 1968

Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

Sent [redacted] M Per [redacted]

CG 157-2940

The Bureau instructed in the above referenced airtel that no active investigation of ABERNATHY is desired at this time. Coverage of his activities is to be discreetly maintained through reliable established sources only. Therefore, the coverage of the leads should be discreetly handled and office indices only should be checked.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b7C
b7D

A review of the current Illinois Bell Telephone Directory disclosed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

LEADS

ATLANTA, INDIANAPOLIS, MEMPHIS AND WFO

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] handle per above Bureau instructions.

VIA TELETYPE
OCT 14 1968
ENCIPHERED

PARAPHRASE IF DISSEMINATED

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

415PM URGENT 10-14-68

TO DIRECTOR AND WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM ATLANTA 157-257

RALPH D. ABERNATHY. RM

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RECEIVED: 4:24PM MSE

REC-76

EX-101

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE.....BY.....

DECLASSIFIED BY
ON 7-15-12

6 OCT 16 1968

1 OCT 12 4 1968 ROOM 836 9&D

F B I

Date: 10/18/68

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. DeLoach _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Bishop _____
 Mr. Casper _____
 Mr. Callahan _____
 Mr. Conrad _____
 Mr. Felt _____
 Mr. Gale _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Sullivan _____
 Mr. Tavel _____
 Mr. Trotter _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Miss Holmes _____
 Miss Gandy _____

b7c Transmit the following in _____

CODE

(Type in plain code)

Via

TELETYPE

URGENT

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC, HOUSTON, JACKSON AND MOBILE

FROM: SAC, WFO

RALPH D. ABERNATHY; RACIAL MATTERS.

- 2-Bureau (100-442706)
 3-Teletype Unit
 1-Atlanta (RM) (AM)
 1-Baltimore (RM) (AM)
 1-Detroit (RM) (AM)
 1-Los Angeles (RM) (AM)
 1-Newark (RM) (AM)
 1-New York (RM) (AM)
 1-Philadelphia (RM) (AM)
 1-Pittsburgh (RM) (AM)
 1-San Francisco (RM) (AM)
 2-WFO (157-1654)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 7-15-92 BY [redacted]

REC-64/100-442706-34

OCT 21 1968

(16)
 54 OCT 25 1968

Approved: [redacted]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

F B I

Date: _____

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via _____

(Priority)

WFO (157-1654)

PAGE TWO

ADMINISTRATIVE

b2
b7D

[REDACTED] LHM

FOLLOWS. AIRMAIL COPIES TO LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO,
BALTIMORE, PHILADELPHIA, NEWARK, NEW YORK, DETROIT, PITTS-
BURGH AND ATLANTA.

b7C

CC- [REDACTED]
ROOM 836 9&D

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

VIA TELETYPE

ENCIPHERED

PARAPHRASE IF DISSEMINATED

Mr. Tolson_____
Mr. DeLoach_____
Mr. Mohr_____
Mr. Bishop_____
Mr. Casper_____
Mr. Callahan_____
Mr. Conrad_____
Mr. Felt_____
Mr. Gale_____
Mr. Rosen_____
Mr. Sullivan_____
Mr. Tavel_____
Mr. Trotter_____
Tele. Room_____
Miss Holmes_____
Miss Gandy_____

3:27 PM URGENT 10-17-68

TO DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON FIELD, AND BALTIMORE
FROM ATLANTA

DECLASSIFIED
ON 7-15-92

RALPH D. ABERNATHY, RACIAL MATTERS.

ON OCTOBER ONE SEVEN, SIX EIGHT, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO
HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED HE HAD
LEARNED THAT RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) ACCOMPANIED BY BERNARD LAFAYETTE,
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, SCLC, TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON, D. C., ON
OCTOBER ONE SIX, SIX EIGHT.

SOURCE COULD
FURNISH NO FURTHER DETAILS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

ATLANTA FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN-TWO FIVE SEVEN. RE WFO TELETYPE
OCTOBER ONE SIX, SIX EIGHT. SOURCE IS
FOR INFO OF WFO INFORMANT ADVISED HOSEA WILLIAMS WAS IN ATLANTA
ON OCTOBER ONE SIX, SIX EIGHT, UNTIL HE DEPARTED FOR HOUSTON, TEXAS
ON EVENING THAT DATE. LHM WILL BE SUBMITTED. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~.

REC-64

RECEIVED: 3:39 PM

TWO COPIES WFO

NOV 18 1968

35

VIA TELETYPE
b7c
ENCIPHERED

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

WA4, 743PM

DEFERRED 10-17-68

TO DIRECTOR AND WFO

PLAINTEXT

FROM BALTIMORE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

RALPH D. ABERNATHY, RM.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED TODAY THERE WAS A SCHEDULED MEETING FOR ONE THIRTY P.M., OCTOBER SIXTEEN SIXTY-EIGHT, BY SCLC, IN BALTO., AND THAT ABERNATHY WAS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND. THIS MEETING DID NOT TAKE PLACE. A MEETING WAS HELD AT THE SHILOH BAPTIST CURCH, BALTO., MD., EVENING OF OCTOBER SIXTEEN, BY REPRESENTATIVES OF SCLC, BALTO. THIS WAS A TASK FORCE MEETING CONCERNING THE FORTHCOMING ELECTION. SUBJECT OR OTHER NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES DID NOT ATTEND.

ADMINISTRATIVE;

RE WFO TEL, OCTOBER SIXTEEN LAST.

MAIL COPY BEING FURNISHED ATLANTA.

END

WA...

FBI WASH DC

TELETYPED TO:

REC-48

b2
b7D

100-442706-36

106

OCT 21 1968

b7c

F B I

Date: 10/16/68

Transmit the following in

CODE **b7c**

(Type in plaintext)

Via **TELETYPE****URGENT**

(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, ATLANTA AND BALTIMORE

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1654)

RALPH D. ABERNATHY; RACIAL MATTER

ON INSTANT DATE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY ONE P.M., THIS DATE, ABERNATHY WAS ATTENDING A MEETING AT THE SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. SOURCE UNABLE TO FURNISH INFO CONCERNING PURPOSE OF THE MEETING, HOWEVER HOSEA WILLIAMS, BERNARD LAFAYETTE, AND JOHN RUTHERFORD, SCLC STAFF OFFICIALS, REPORTEDLY ARE AT THE MEETING. SOURCE FURTHER STATED THAT ABERNATHY IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT WASHINGTON, D.C., LATER ON INSTANT DATE. PURPOSE OF VISIT UNKNOWN.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE OCTOBER FOURTEEN LAST TO DIRECTOR AND WFO ADVISING ABERNATHY WOULD VISIT WDC ON OCTOBER FIFTEEN LAST. ABOVE

- 2 - Bureau
- 3 - Teletype Unit
- 2 - WFO

REC 45

100-4427637

OCT 17 1968

(7)

610012-4
Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via _____
(Priority)

WFO 157-1654

PAGE TWO

SOURCE STATED TO HIS KNOWLEDGE ABERNATHY DID NOT VISIT WDC ON
OCTOBER FIFTEEN LAST.

ABOVE SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

b2
b7D

ABOVE INFO DISSEMINATED TO APPROPRIATE AGENCIES.

P

b7c

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) DATE: October 10, 1968
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-18339)
SUBJECT: COMINFIL
SCLC
IS - C

Re New Haven airtels 9/24 and 10/7/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies and for Atlanta three copies of a LHM pertaining to captioned matter.

Investigation regarding the individuals listed in New Haven airtel 9/24/68 is not yet completed. When completed results will be furnished Bureau and Atlanta. No specific leads being set forth for New Haven as previously set forth in airtel of 9/24/68.

ENCLOSURE

- 3 - Bureau (enc. 7)
(2-100-438794)
(1- Reverend RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY)
- 3 - Atlanta (2-100-5718) (enc. 3)
(1-157-277, Reverend ABERNATHY)
- 4 - New Haven (2-100-18339)
(2-157-959)

REGISTERED MAIL

7-15-92

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 9-23-80 BY [redacted]

100-442706-

NOT RECORDED
167 OCT 15 1968

50 OCT 22 1968

ORIGINAL FILED IN 100-1170



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New Haven, Connecticut

October 10, 1968

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The August 31, 1968, edition of the "Stamford Advocate", a daily newspaper published in Stamford, Connecticut, carried a story on page 1 to the effect that the Reverend Dr. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY would launch the first Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Connecticut on September 27, 1968, at a meeting to be held at Rippowam High School auditorium, Stamford, Connecticut, at 8:00 p.m.

According to the article the Reverend ANDREW YOUNG, HOSEA WILLIAMS and Y.T. ROGERS, Director of Affiliates for Southern Christian Leadership Conference would also be on hand. Dr. ABERNATHY is to speak on the objectives of Southern Christian Leadership Conference in the north when he presides at the initiation ceremonies. The Chapter is being sponsored by the Wilson Memorial Church, Stamford, Connecticut, and was organized by Mrs. ELIZABETH DILLARD, 97 Washington Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut, a member of the congregation.

The newspaper article lists the officers of the Chapter as:

Bishop C. H. BREWER, New Haven, Connecticut -
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR and TREASURER;

Mrs. ELIZABETH DILLARD, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR;

Miss BEVERLY MEDLEY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY;

Dr. ERWIN EDMONDS, New Haven, Connecticut - ADVISOR;

Reverend JAMES WILKINSON - FIELD STAFF DIRECTOR;

100-442706-

ENCLOSURE

7-15-92

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 9-22-80 BY [redacted]

RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Reverend HAROLD MC CORD - ASSISTANT FIELD
STAFF DIRECTOR;

The members of the Board of Directors are:

Reverend WILLIE GINYARD, Chairman;

ALVIN BROOKS, President;

Mrs. MARY MEDLEY, Vice Chairman;

HAROLD JACKSON, Vice President;

Miss DELPHINE LITTLES, Secretary;

Miss MARY GRIFFIN;

Mrs. MAGNOLIA JACKSON, New Haven, Connecticut;

Mrs. MARY LONG;

Reverend ULYSSES RALPH.

All of the above individuals are Stamford,
Connecticut, residents except as otherwise noted.

The "Stamford Advocate" edition of September 28, 1968, carried an article reflecting Dr. ABERNATHY's appearance before 1,000 people at Rippowam High School on September 27, 1968. The article continues that Dr. ABERNATHY was in Stamford to dedicate the Connecticut Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. During the course of his speech Dr. ABERNATHY stated that on a recent trip abroad foreigners asked him when America will start preaching democracy at home. He called for the return of the soldiers from Vietnam claiming that he felt there was more democracy in Vietnam than at home.

RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Appearing on the platform with Dr. ABERNATHY was Judge ROBERT LEVISTER, Circuit Court, Stamford, Connecticut; Mayor BRUNO E. GIORDIANO, Stamford, Connecticut; Congressman DONALD J. IRWIN (D.4thConn.) and Dr. PETER GOLDMARK, President of CBS Laboratories and an internationally known scientist.

On September 27, 1968, [REDACTED] Stamford, Connecticut, Police Department, advised that Dr. ABERNATHY and his party arrived at Stamford, Connecticut, from La Guardia Airport, New York City, at approximately 6:30 p.m. and attended a reception at Temple Beth El with Rabbi PAUL SILVERMASTER and ALEX GOLDMAN in Stamford, Connecticut, prior to his appearing at Rippowam High School. [REDACTED] estimated the crowd at Rippowam High School as 1,000 persons. There was no picketing or any other incidents. Dr. ABERNATHY departed Stamford at approximately 11:50 p.m. on September 27, 1968, for New York City.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

FBI

Date: 10/23/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-43879)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (100-56)

COMINFIL SCLC

IS - C

OO: ATLANTA

REV. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

RM

OO: ATLANTA

ReJntel 10/22/68, entitled "REV. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY. RM".

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a LHM. Copies also designated for appropriate offices.

LHM designated locally to USA, Jackson, USA, Oxford, OSI, Secret Service, and MIGp, Jackson.

- ④ - Bureau (Enc. 12)
 (1 - 157-RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY)
 2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2)
 1 - Memphis (Enc. 1)
 1 - Houston (Enc. 1)
 1 - WFO (Enc. 1)
 2 - Jackson

(11)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 9-23-80 BY [REDACTED]

100-442706-

NOT RECORDED
 170 OCT 30 1968

CARBON COPY

ENCLOSURE

Approved: 59 NOV 5 - 1968
 Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

100-43879-11 92194
 100-43879-11 92194
 100-43879-11 92194



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi
October 23, 1968

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC)

REVEREND RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

At 11:45 a.m., October 22, 1968, Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, President, SCLC, and Reverend Andrew Young, Assistant to the President, SCLC, arrived in Marks, Mississippi, from Memphis, Tennessee, in a 1968 Buick Electra, four-door light blue hardtop, 1968 Tennessee License JN5565.

At 12:50 p.m. October 22, 1968, 160 Negroes led by Reverend Abernathy and Young marched to the Quitman County Courthouse, Marks, Mississippi.

Reverend Young introduced Reverend Abernathy who spoke on "Get Out The Vote". Reverend Abernathy spoke against Presidential Candidates George Wallace and Richard Nixon, but said that he was endorsing no candidate or political party.

Reverend Abernathy and Young departed Marks, Mississippi, at 3:35 p.m. October 22, 1968, in the above described Buick en route to the airport, Memphis, for air travel to Houston.

No arrests or incidents occurred as a result of SCLC march, Marks, Mississippi, October 22, 1968.

Appropriate local, state, and Federal authorities were advised of the above.

0-15-92
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 9-23-80 BY [REDACTED]

ENCLOSURE

100-442706-

**COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC)**

REVEREND RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

OCT 22 1968

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI JKSN MISS

857 PM DEFERRED 10-22-68

TO DIRECTOR / ATLANTA / MEMPHIS / HOUSTON
FROM JACKSON (100-56)

REV. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY. RM. 00: ATLANTA.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL TO BUREAU OCTOBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

AT ELEVEN FORTY-FIVE A.M. OCTOBER TWENTY-TWO, SIXTYEIGHT,
REV. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SCLC, AND REV. ANDREW
YOUNG, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT, SCLC, ARRIVED MARKS, MISS.,
FROM MEMPHIS, TENN., IN SIXTYEIGHT BUICK ELECTRA, FOUR-DOOR
LIGHT BLUE HARDTOP, SIXTYEIGHT TENN. LICENSE JN FIVE FIVE
SIX FIVE.

AT TWELVE FIFTY P.M. OCTOBER TWENTY-TWO, SIXTYEIGHT,
ONE HUNDRED SIXTY NEGROES LED BY REV. ABERNATHY AND YOUNG
MARCHED TO THE QUITMAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MARKS, MISSISSIPPI.

REV. YOUNG INTRODUCED REV. ABERNATHY WHO SPOKE ON
"GET OUT THE VOTE". REV. ABERNATHY SPOKE AGAINST PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATES GEORGE WALLACE AND RICHARD NIXON, BUT SAID THAT HE
END PAGE ONE

REC-95 100-442706-38

REC'D COMM. LEFT DIA

11 OCT 25 1968

275
56 NOV 7 1968

b7c

5

PAGE TWO

WAS ENDORSING NO CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL PARTY.

REV. ABERNATHY AND YOUNG DEPARTED MARKS, MISS., THREE THIRTY-FIVE P.M. OCTOBER TWENTY-TWO, SIXTYEIGHT, IN ABOVE DESCRIBED BUICK EN ROUTE AIRPORT, MEMPHIS, FOR AIR TRAVEL TO HOUSTON.

NO ARRESTS OR INCIDENTS OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF SCLC MARCH, MARKS, MISS., OCTOBER TWENTY-TWO, SIXTYEIGHT.

APPROPRIATE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES AWARE OF ABOVE.

AIRMAIL COPY TO WFO.

END

SLB

FBI WASH DC

CC-

ROOM 836 9&D

b7c

OCT 23 1968
FBI - MEMPHIS

10/21/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-43879)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-42300) (P)

COMMINFIL SCLC

IS - C

(OO:AT)

Re WFOtel 10/18/68, captioned "RALPH D. ABERNATHY, RM."

Enclosed for the Bureau are twelve copies, and one copy for each office listed below, of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

- ④ - Bureau (Enc. 12)
 - (1 - 157-ABERNATHY)
- 2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2)(RM)
- 1 - Baltimore (Enc. 1)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - Detroit (Enc. 1)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - Houston (Enc. 1)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - Jackson (Enc. 1)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (Enc. 1)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - Mobile (Enc. 1)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - Newark (Enc. 1)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - New York (Enc. 1)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - Philadelphia (Enc. 1)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - Pittsburgh (Enc. 1)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - San Francisco (Enc. 1)(Info)(RM)
- 3 - WFO
 - (1 - 157-1654)(ABERNATHY)

(20)

AIRTEL

ENCLOSURE

54 NOV - 4 1968

CLASSIFIED AND
EXTENDED BY
REASON FOR EXTENSION
FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR
DECLASSIFICATION

NOT RECORDED
20 OCT 24 1968

57D9-19.60

2

10-24-88

CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINAL FILED IN 100-438794-2420

WFO 100-42300

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

LHM classified "~~Confidential~~" as it contains information furnished by a confidential source whose identity must be protected.

b2
5D

Confidential source mentioned in LHM is [REDACTED] 4

Enclosed LHM has been disseminated locally to the AUSA, WDC; HISO; OSI; 116th MIG; and the U. S. Secret Service by WFO.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

October 21, 1968

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

[On October 18, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that] ²⁴
Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), planned to hold a press conference on that date at the former site of Resurrection City to announce a nationwide get-out-the-vote campaign to be launched October 21, 1968, by the SCLC. Resurrection City was the temporary home of participants of the Poor People's Campaign which was an SCLC sponsored project.

On October 18, 1968, Abernathy held the press conference, as indicated above, at which time the attached statement was made.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

9-19-80 b7c
CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY [REDACTED]
REASON FOR EXTENSION 2
FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 10-21-88
[REDACTED]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

Attachment one

b7c
3-3-83
7-15-92
[REDACTED]

10-21-88

STATEMENT BY DR. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
RESSURRECTION CITY, WASHINGTON, D. C.
October 18, 1968

I return today to the site of Ressurrection City the sacred spot which held so much hope for the poor of our nation. I come to announce a Nationwide Get-Out-the-Vote campaign to be launched next week by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

This campaign is designed to stir the forces of good will to bring the moral weight of their votes ^{to bear} in every election this November -- from city council to the Presidency.

The black, the poor, and our liberal allies across the nation are suffering today from a tremendous emotional drain. We have this year lost two of our greatest leaders -- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Senator Robert F. Kennedy -- who were assassinated in a time when their vision and reason were most desperately needed by America.

Their tragic deaths, together with the agony of the war in Vietnam and the insensitivity to poverty at home, have left millions in this country demoralized, confused and crushed. Some are even actively urging us not to vote this year. And in a sense I guess I understand that sentiment. For I would much rather to have seen, for example, a Presidential race between a Kennedy and a Rochefeller. But the fact is that one of three men is going to be President of this country. Whoever is elected must know that he has to contend with a strong liberal vote

for peace and progress.

We in SCLC have noted the alarming trend toward apathy among many people of goodwill and are distressed by it for we know that this is exactly what the right wing elements and the forces of reaction in our country want. They want the black, the poor and the liberals to walk away from the many crucial elections taking place on November 5th. The enemies of poor people are seeking office at every level so that they can call a halt to the great strides toward freedom that we have made in recent years.

I shall therefore call upon people of goodwill across the nation to mobilize the black, poor and liberal voters to turn out at the polls as never before.

A massive movement of these voters toward the polls will create a demand that all candidates for public office, from sheriff to President, speak to the vital issues of peace and justice with which the Poor People's Campaign is trying so desperately to confront the nation.

We have come too far to turn back now. Far too many have suffered, shed their blood, and died for the right to vote for us not to exercise that right in the critical elections ahead.

We will begin our campaign on Monday, October 21st, in Montgomery, Alabama --- Montgomery, where black people 50,000 strong opened the Second Reconstruction in America 13 years ago under the inspired leadership of Dr. King; Montgomery, Alabama, now the headquarters of the apostle of fear and hate, who would bring an end to what we started there, if he is elected President.

If Mr. Wallace thinks he is going to stop demonstrations for freedom, he might as well get ready now, because we will be demonstrating next Monday where he has his headquarters.

From Montgomery we will journey on Tuesday, October 22nd to Marks, Mississippi -- the poorest area in the United States, where men, women and children are literally starving to death. From Marks, we shall speak to the poor of our nation -- black, white, red, brown, yellow. We will say, "The poor must vote" -- as long as one out of every four Americans is poverty-stricken; as long as 10 million Americans are hungry; as long as poverty and disease afflict two-thirds of the world; as long as strong men are denied jobs, impoverished mothers are denied a decent life for their families, and children are denied a good education.

We shall then be in Houston, Texas, on Wednesday, October 23; Los Angeles, San Francisco, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Newark, New York City, Detroit, Pittsburgh and Atlanta will follow in that order.

We will carry the same urgent message to every region of America: People must know the issues and they must vote. Our effort will be nonpartisan.

We will take with us the Poor People's Mule Train -- which began in Mississippi and has traveled to Resurrection City and on to the Republican and Democratic conventions -- as a symbol of the vital issue of poverty and human rights that we must not allow to be covered up by the rhetoric of fear and hate that has become commonplace in the 1968 campaign.

We call upon men and women of conscience in these 12 cities and in all communities across the nation to join us in the immensely important work of getting out the vote for justice in America.

F B I

Date: 10/22/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257) (P)

SUBJECT: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
RM

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau 10/17/68 captioned
as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau is original and seven
copies of LHM and for Baltimore and WFO one copy each
of LHM.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [REDACTED]
information from whom must be classified Confidential.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

AGENCY: ACSI, [REDACTED], OSI; SEC. SER: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]: ISD, CPD, RAO [REDACTED]

DATE FORW: 10/23/68

HOW FORW: [REDACTED]

BY: [REDACTED]

ENCLOSURE

- ③ Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
1-Baltimore (Enc. 1) (RM)
1-WFO (Enc. 1) (RM)
4-Atlanta (1-157-257)

(1- [REDACTED])
(1-100-5718)

(9)

C. C. Bishop

OCT 24 1968

OCT 24 1968

OCT 29 1968

51 NOV

Approved: [REDACTED]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M

Per

UNRECORDED COPY FILED IN 157-257-12



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

October 22, 1968

Title	Ralph David Abernathy
Character	Racial Matters
Reference	Letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia

October 22, 1968

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTERS

On October 17, 1968, confidential source advised he understood that on October 16, 1968, Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Bernard Lafayette, Program Administrator, SCLC, traveled to Washington, D. C.

67D [REDACTED]
Source could furnish no further details regarding this matter.

DECLASSIFIED BY [REDACTED] b7c
ON 7-15-92

-----1*-----
This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

100-4757-39
ENCLOSURE
CONFIDENTIAL

GROUP
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

DECLASSIFIED BY [REDACTED]
ON 7-15-92

Date: 10/30/68

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Transmit the following in PLAIN
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-65141) (RUC)
RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC)
IS - C
OO: Atlanta

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau 10/26/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM captioned as above, two copies are enclosed for Atlanta.

First source utilized in LHM is [REDACTED]
second source is [REDACTED] third source is [REDACTED]
Delta Airlines (conceal per request), fourth source is
[REDACTED] Delta Airlines (conceal per request). &u

The attached LHM is being classified confidential inasmuch as data set forth from sources utilized could result in identification of sources of continuing value.

- 3 - Bureau (Encl. 8)
- 2 - Atlanta (Encl. 2) (100-5718)
- 2 - Los Angeles

NOT RECORDED
183 NOV 7 1968

ENCLOSURE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AGENCY: ACSI, [REDACTED], OSI; SEC. SER:
[REDACTED]: ISD, CRD, RAO [REDACTED]

25 NOV 2 1968

ENCLOSURE DATE FORM: [REDACTED]
HOW FORM: [REDACTED]
EX: [REDACTED]

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY [REDACTED]
REASON FOR EXTENSION [REDACTED]
FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION [REDACTED]

Approved: [REDACTED]
59 NOV 18 1968 Special Agent in Charge

Sent [REDACTED] M Per [REDACTED]

100-1120794-2436



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

October 30, 1968

DECLASSIFIED

ON 7-15-92

b7c

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

On October 24, 1968, [REDACTED]

b7c
b7D [REDACTED] Los Angeles Police Department, advised that on October 23, 1968, the Los Angeles Police Department received a letter from Reverend James H. Hargett, local representative for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, advising that on October 25, 1968, Reverend Ralph Abernathy would lead a parade consisting of three mule wagons on Los Angeles streets. The parade would commence at 3:30 p.m., at Will Rogers State Park, travel north on Central Avenue, west on 24th Street, and terminate at the Second Baptist Church. The group was to obey all traffic regulations and thus a permit was not necessary.

On October 25, 1968, a source, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that Reverend Ralph Abernathy arrived at Los Angeles International Airport at about 8:47 a.m. on that date.

At 4:15 p.m., October 25, 1968, Special Agents of the FBI observed a crowd of approximately 150 Negroes at the southwest corner of Will Rogers State Park, 103rd Street and Central Avenue, Los Angeles, California. In the center of the crowd, there were three mule wagons with two mules attached to each wagon.

At 4:45 p.m., the three wagons left the park and proceeded north on Central Avenue. Reverend Abernathy and 11 other Negroes were observed in the first wagon, the second wagon was occupied by 12 Negroes, and the third wagon by five Negroes. The wagons were followed by seven automobiles upon which were observed posters urging support for various candidates for public office.

CLASSIFIED AND
EXTENDED BY [REDACTED]
REASON FOR EXTENSION
FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW
DECLASSIFICATION

2 b7c
10-30-88

100-442706
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ENCLOSURE

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The wagons proceeded north on Central Avenue obeying all traffic regulations.

On October 25, 1968, the above source advised that the parade proceeded north on Central Avenue, west on 24th Street, and terminated at the Second Baptist Church, 24th Street and Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Source observed Kenold Joseph Seaton, Jr., Chairman of the Cultural Committee of the "US" organization (see appendix); Wilbert Terry, representative of the Black Congress; and Tommy Ray Jacquette, representative of the Black Congress, riding in the mule wagons.

The Black Congress is an amalgamation of black nationalist organizations, both militant and non-militant, which has its headquarters at 7228 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California.

Source advised that members of the "US" organization provided security for the parade. Samuel Melvin Carr, Director of Security of the "US" organization, was observed giving orders to those "US" members who were present.

4 On October 26, 1968, a second source, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that at about 7:30 p.m., October 25, 1968, Reverend Abernathy spoke at a meeting held at the Second Baptist Church, 24th Street and Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles, California. Approximately 350 to 400 people attended this meeting. Most of those in attendance were Negroes. Reverend Abernathy encouraged Negroes to vote and stressed the importance of the upcoming November elections. He told the people in attendance that the problems of the black people would not be solved by not voting in the election. He did not endorse any candidate but did indicate that Hubert Humphrey was the best candidate for black people.

Source had no knowledge of any incidents or harassments in connection with the appearance of Reverend Abernathy in Los Angeles.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On October 25, 1968, a third source, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that Reverend Abernathy, A. B. Lee, A. J. Young, B. Lafayette, Mr. Offenburger, Miss Randolph, H. Williams, and F. Kirkpatrick, had the following airline reservations:

October 26, 1968
Delta Airlines, Flight 132
Los Angeles to Atlanta

October 27, 1968
Eastern Airlines, Flight 132
Atlanta to Baltimore

The party separates at Baltimore. Reverend Abernathy and Mr. Lee have the following reservations:

October 29, 1968
Ransome Airlines
No flight available
Baltimore to Philadelphia

November 1, 1968
Trans World Airlines, Flight 77
Philadelphia to St. Louis

November 2, 1968
Trans World Airlines, Flight 72
St. Louis to Pittsburgh

The remaining six members of the party have the following reservations:

November 1, 1968
American Airlines, Flight 141
La Guardia, New York to Detroit

November 2, 1968
Northwestern Airlines, Flight 302
Detroit to Pittsburgh

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

All eight members of the original party have reservations on United Airlines Flight 453, November 2, 1968, Pittsburgh to Atlanta.

[On October 26, 1968, a fourth source, ³⁴who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that Reverend Abernathy, A. B. Lee, and Mr. Offenburger, departed Los Angeles at 8:35 a.m. on that date via Delta Airlines Flight 14 en route to Atlanta, Georgia.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPENDIX I

"US"
Also Known As
"US", Incorporated

"US" was chartered by the State of California as a non-profit corporation in September, 1966 with offices at 8211 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California. The corporate charter alleges that "US" is primarily an Afro-American cultural organization.

During the spring of 1968, however, a source advised that MAULANA RON KARENGA, true name Ronie McKinley Everett, Founder-Chairman of "US", has published a booklet entitled, The Quotable Karenga, in which he talks of revolution, black power and condemns Christianity for the plight of the black man.

In this booklet, KARENGA stated: "...You must have a cultural revolution before the violent revolution. The cultural revolution gives identity, purpose and direction. ...The revolution being fought now is a revolution to win the minds of our people. If we fail to win this we cannot wage the violent one. ...When the word is given we'll see how tough you are. When it's 'burn', let's see how much you burn. When it's 'kill', let's see how much you kill. When it's 'blow up', let's see how much you blow up. And when it's 'take that white girl's head too', we'll really see how tough you are. ..."

The above source advised that "US" members are required to study and memorize this booklet. "US" members are also assigned Swahili names which they use in lieu of their given names.

A second source advised that KARENGA has spoken at various meetings in Los Angeles, at which time he has talked of creating an "US" army of 1,000 men, obtaining weapons and ammunition, guerrilla warfare tactics and revolution. KARENGA has also stated, "The only way to get life is to take a life and as we get stronger we will take what we want from the white man's United States." He also stated that if the police killed any "US" members, the "US" organization would kill some of them.

The first source above advised that KARENGA has also stated that recent race riots throughout the country were not riots but were actually revolts or revolutions and that the black people are going to win their freedom by violence if necessary.

APPENDIX CONTINUED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

2

APPENDIX CONTINUED

"US"

Also Known As
"US", Incorporated

A third source advised that KARENGA has stated that a revolution will take place in the near future and that no one can believe in black revolution without believing in armed conflict because the two go hand in hand.

The first source above advised that the "US" organization has approximately 20 militant, hard-core members, a number of whom during the past year have been arrested for possession of incendiary devices, attempted arson, armed robbery and burglary. "US" members are known to carry firearms. There are an estimated additional 200 individuals, ranging in age from 4 to 40, who are known to attend meetings and social activities sponsored by "US" and which are closed to anyone not of the Negro race.

Recently, the "US" organization opened an affiliate office in San Diego, California.

The word "US" refers to the personal pronoun and is not an abbreviation.

APPENDIX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

F B I

Date: 10/30/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257) (P)
 SUBJECT: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
 RM
 OO: Atlanta

100-442706-32
 Re Chicago airtel to Bureau 10/10/68.

Pretext inquiry has previously determined that Atlanta telephone number (area code 404) 792-0944 is currently listed to RALPH D. ABERNATHY, at his residence 690 La Vern Drive, NW, Atlanta.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 7-15-92 BY [redacted]

C. C. Bishop

EX 110

REC 54

100-442706-40

6 NOV 1 1968

1d 3-Bureau (RM)
 1-Chicago (RM)
 2-Atlanta

(6)

NOV 1 3 22 PM 1968

RECEIVED DIA

54 NOV 20 1968

Approved: [redacted]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M

Per [redacted]

no action
 [redacted]

F B I

Date: 11/8/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257) (P)
SUBJECT: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
RM

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 5.9.82 BY [REDACTED]

Enclosed for the Bureau is original and seven
copies of LHM.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [REDACTED]
information from whom must be classified Confidential.

AGENCY: ACSI, [REDACTED], OSI; SEC. SER:
[REDACTED] SEC, CRD, RAO IPIA
DATE FORW: 11/13/68
HOW FORW: [REDACTED]
BY: [REDACTED]

1 cc AT + LHM 806 970

ENCLOSURE
③-Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
5-Atlanta (1-157-257)
(1) [REDACTED] ST-113
(1-100-5718) [REDACTED] b2 b7D
(1) [REDACTED] REC-47
(1) [REDACTED] 100-442706-4

(8)

NOV 13 3 55 PM 1968

17 NOV 13 1968

C. C. - Bishop

Approved: [REDACTED]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____



*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Atlanta, Georgia

November 8, 1968

Title	RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
Character	RACIAL MATTERS
Reference	Letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

November 8, 1968

CONFIDENTIAL

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTERS

On November 7, 1968, confidential source advised he had learned that date that Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was in an Atlanta hospital where he had been for approximately three days recuperating from a "virus attack." Andrew J. Young, Executive Vice President, SCLC, and Bernard Lee, Special Aide to the President, SCLC, during the same period of time have been largely confined to their respective homes with the flu.

DECLASSIFIED BY [REDACTED]
ON 7-15-92 b7c

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

137-4111-41
ENCLOSURE

VIA TELETYPE

NOV 15 1968

ENCIPHERED

REC 26

1213PM URGENT 11-15-68

TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM ATLANTA

DECLASSIFIED BY

ON

7-15-92

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

ALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, RM.

FOR INFO. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~.

RECEIVED 1226 PM

VXC

TELETYPE 11-15-1968

ROOM 836 9&D

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN *WCS* **b7c**

DATE November 19, 1968.

FROM : MR. G. C. MOORE *GC*

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
INFORMATION CONCERNING - RACIAL MATTERS

[REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION:

For information, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] no dissemination is being made of this information.

100-442706

ST-115

REC-65

100-442706-43

✓ 15 NOV 21 1968

- GC*
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
 - 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
 - 1 - Mr. Bishop
 - 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
 - 1 - [REDACTED]
 - 1 - [REDACTED]
- GC*

389
51 NOV 27 1968

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 9-5-92 BY [REDACTED]

FBI

Date: 11/15/68

Transmit the following in b7c
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257) (P)
SUBJECT: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
RM (COUNTER INTELLIGENCE
MATTERS)

Re Atlanta airtel and LHM, dated 11/8/68
captioned "RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, RM."

Referenced LHM reflects ABERNATHY was recently
hospitalized with a virus infection.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

③-Bureau (RM)
4-Atlanta (1-157-257)

C. C. Bishop

(1-100-5718)

ST-115

REC-65

100-442706-44

NOV 18 1968

REC. SECT.

389
51 NOV 27 1968

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

memo CC move to US file 11/19/68

AT 157-257

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

^{For a} The following naturally gives rise to more than one question regarding ABERNATHY. We do not feel at this time this situation can be accurately appraised

[REDACTED]

No LHM is contemplated at this time. The above for information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

DATE: 12/3/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-1654) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
INFORMATION CONCERNING - RM
(OO:AT)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 10/10/68

b2
b7C
b7D
[REDACTED]
As the Bureau and Atlanta are aware, RUTHERFORD is head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Office in Washington, D.C.

WFO indices re [REDACTED] are negative.

b7C
On 11/8/68, IC [REDACTED] determined that no record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) files concerning [REDACTED]. It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review at the MPD.

- 2-Bureau
- 2-Atlanta (RM)
- 1-Chicago (157-2940) (RM)
- 2-WFO
(1-157-1836)

45

REC-21

EX 106



5010-108

1 DEC 10 1968

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

4 DEC 4 1968

67C
RACIAL INT. SEC.

WFO 157-1654

On 11/8/68, IC [REDACTED], searched the files of the U.S. Park Police and no identifiable record was found concerning [REDACTED]

SE [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, WDC, and was advised on 11/12/68 that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b7c

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The above information is furnished the Bureau and Atlanta for their information. WFO case re ABERNATHY is being placed in RUC status. ABERNATHY activities in regard to the Poor Peoples' Campaign conducted by the SCLC in WDC during the past spring and summer had previously been reported by WFO. There is no indication that ABERNATHY is or plans to be active in the WDC area; however, this matter will be followed through logical sources, and any activities on his part in WDC in the future will be reported.

FBI

Date: 12/6/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257) (P)
 SUBJECT: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
 RACIAL MATTERS

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, dated 12/3/68
 captioned "Desegregation of Hyde County, North Carolina
 Schools, RM."

Enclosed for the Bureau is original and seven
 copies of LHM and for Charlotte one copy of LHM.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is
 information from whom must be classified Confidential.

AGENCY: ACSI, ~~OSI~~, OSI; SEC. SER:

~~DATE FORW:~~ ~~HOW FORW:~~ ~~BY:~~ ~~DATE~~ ~~HOW FORW~~ ~~BY~~

DATE FORW: 12/10/68
 HOW FORW: R/S
 BY: [REDACTED]

ENCLOSURE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

REC-47 100-442706-46

25 DEC 7 1968

③-Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
 1-Charlotte (Enc. 1) (RM)
 3-Atlanta (1-157-257)
 (1-100-5718)

Bishop

Approved: [REDACTED]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____



*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

December 6, 1968

Title

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

Character

RACIAL MATTERS

Reference

Memorandum at Atlanta
dated and captioned as
above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have ~~furnished~~ reliable information in the past.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia

December 6, 1968

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTERS

On December 2, 1968, a confidential source advised Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) had recently contracted pneumonia and as of that date was confined to an Atlanta, Georgia, hospital under the care of his physician. Source said it was the understanding of the SCLC staff that Abernathy would remain in the hospital for several additional days.

DECLASSIFIED BY
ON 7-15-92

1*

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

100-942706-46

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [redacted]

FBI

Date: 12/11/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257) (P)
SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau is original and seven
copies of LHM and for New York and WFO one copy each of
LHM.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [redacted]
information from whom must be classified Confidential.

AGENCY: ACCT. [redacted] COT: SER: [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
DATE: 12/17/68
BY: [redacted]

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
- 1 - New York (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - WFO (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 3 - Atlanta (1 - 157-257)

b7c

(1)

54 DEC 25 1968

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

December 11, 1968

Title

RALPH D. ABERNATHY

Character

RACIAL MATTERS

Reference

**Memorandum at Atlanta, dated
and captioned as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia

December 11, 1968

CONFIDENTIAL

RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTERS

b7c
b7D

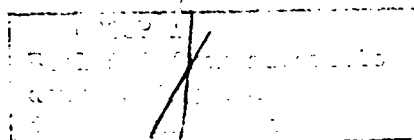
As of the present time, source could furnish no further details pertaining to Abernathy's anticipated travel.

7-15-92

b7c

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

CONFIDENTIAL



5-113 (1-10-61)

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 12/16/68

BY 7-15-92

The attached pertains

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Abernathy is President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., which ran the Poor People's Campaign in Washington, D.C., last Spring.

Information being disseminated to State Department [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Attorney General, Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department.

b7c

b7c

VIA TELETYPE

DEC 14 1968

ENCIPHERED

PARAPHRASE IF DISSEMINATED

Mr. Tolson ☒
Mr. DeLoach ☒
Mr. Mohr ☒
Mr. Bishop ☒
Mr. Casper ☒
Mr. Callahan ☒
Mr. Conrad ☒
Mr. Felt ☒
Mr. Gale ☒
Mr. Rosen ☒
Mr. Sullivan ☒
Mr. Tavel ☒
Mr. Trotter ☒
Tele. Room ☒
Miss Holmes ☒
Miss Gandy ☒

8:30 PM URGENT 12-14-68

TO DIRECTOR
FROM ATLANTA

DECLASSIFIED BY
ON 7-15-92

RALPH D. ABERNATHY, RACIAL MATTER.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

CONFIDENTIAL.

RECEIVED: 8:45 PM FJB

REC-28

100-442706-4

22 DEC 17 1968

DEC 17 2 23 104 1968

56 JAN 2 1969

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

FBI

Date: 1/20/69

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [redacted]

REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, THREAT AGAINST LIFE, RM.

REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY ARRIVED
FRIENDSHIP AIRPORT ELEVEN TWENTY THREE PM, JANUARY NINETEEN,
LAST, ABOARD EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE TWO SIX. MRS. ABERNATHY
ARRIVED TWO ZERO SEVEN AM, JANUARY TWENTY INSTANT, AT FRIENDSHIP
AIRPORT, ABOARD FLIGHT THREE SIX SIX, DELTA AIRLINES.

ABERNATHY AND PARTY, CONSISTING OF MRS. ABERNATHY AND MR.
J.T. JOHNSON, WILL ATTEND SWEARING IN CEREMONY AT CAPITOL, SEATED
SECTION A, TICKETS NUMBER TWO FIVE FOUR SIX AND TWO FIVE FOUR
EIGHT.

4- Bureau
1 - WFO

REC-89

JAN 22 1969

(5) Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in

Sent

M

Per

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)WFO
PAGE TWO

ABERNATHY AND PARTY WILL VIEW INAUGURAL PARADE FROM SEATS ON EAST SIDE OF WHITE HOUSE, SOUTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, ROW NINE, SEATS ONE, TWO, AND THIRTY.

THE ABERNATHYS' WILL ATTEND INAUGURAL BALL AT THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION SCHEDULED FOR NINE PM, JANUARY TWENTY INSTANT, HOLDING RESERVATIONS FOR BOX SEVENTY EIGHT.

ABERNATHYS AND PARTY HAVE TICKETS FOR RECEPTION TO BE HELD IN THE LORRAINE ROOM, LAFAYETTE HOTEL, SIXTEENTH AND I STREETS, N.W., SCHEDULED FOR ONE AM, JANUARY TWENTY ONE NEXT.

ABERNATHY DRIVING RED FURY THREE RENTAL CAR BEARING VIRGINIA LICENSE.

SAS OF THE FBI OBSERVED THIS AUTOMOBILE AT SIX FORTY FIVE AM, JANUARY TWENTY INSTANT, PARKED IN LOWER LEVEL PARKING AREA NORTH OF THREE ZERO ONE G STREET, S.W., APARTMENT COMPLEX. CAR BEARS CURRENT VIRGINIA LICENSE EIGHT SIX DASH ZERO TWO SEVEN.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via _____
(Priority)

WFO
PAGE THREE

ADMINISTRATIVE.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES ADVISED.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

REC-8
JUN 11 1964

ROOM 836 9&D

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

VIA TELETYPE

JAN 24 1969

ENCIPHERED

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [redacted]

b7c

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

NO

NR 3 440 PM DEFERRED 1-24-69 ALL
TO DIRECTOR (PLAINTEXT)
FROM SAN JUAN (62-0) 1P

b7c

REVEREND RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, INFORMATION CONCERNING, RMM

INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED INSTANT DATE FROM DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC SAFETY, ST. THOMAS, US VIRGIN ISLANDS, THAT
REVEREND RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY IS CURRENTLY VACATIONING AT
ST. THOMAS WHERE HE WILL REMAIN UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY
TWENTY SEVEN NEXT. HOUSING MADE AVAILABLE TO ABERNATHY
BY COLLEGE OF VIRGIN ISLANDS, ST. THOMAS. THE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC SAFETY HAS DETAILED ONE PLAIN CLOTHED POLICEMAN
TO ABERNATHY; HOWEVER, NO INDICATION OF ANY RACIAL TENSION
OR POSSIBLE VIOLENCE. ABOVE BEING FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU
FOR INFORMATION. NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN BY SAN JUAN.

b7c

~~END (6) 55-11-76-21 0-105YKNTQWRNSRD STXGW 0610~~

PAO FBI WASH DC

[redacted] b7c

TELETYPE TO:

FBI

REC 12 100-442706-56

11 JAN 27 1969

b7c

5

TREAT AS YELLOW

FBI

Date: 1/20/69

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-13-92 BY [redacted]

Transmit the message that follows by coded teletype:

☒ IMMEDIATE
☒ URGENT

PRIORITY

To: ☒ THE PRESIDENT

FIELD DISSEMINATION

☒ SECRETARY OF STATE

☒ DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

☐ AND NATIONAL INDICATIONS CENTER

☒ DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

☒ DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

☒ WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: SECRET SERVICE (PID)
(For disseminating classified data to Secret Service)

☒ SECRET SERVICE (PID) BY PLAINTEXT TELETYPE

☒ ATTORNEY GENERAL (BY MESSENGER)

delivered to mail room 12:14 p.m. 1/20/69

☐

From: DIRECTOR, FBI

Classification: Unclassified

Subject: same as incoming

100-442706-51

10 JAN 24 1969

(Text of message begins on next page.)

VIA TELETYPE

JAN 20 1969

ENCIPHERED

Approved

M Per

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

57 FEB 6 1969

TELETYPE UNIT ☐ Sent

VIA TELETYPE

JAN 20 1969

ENCIPHERED

12:10 PM 1-20-69 NSM

PRIORITY

TO: THE PRESIDENT 005

TO: SECRETARY OF STATE 005

[REDACTED] b2

TO: DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY 005

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY 005

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 005

TO: SECRET SERVICE (PID)

TO: ATTORNEY GENERAL (BY MESSENGER)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

U N C L A S S I F I E D

REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, THREAT AGAINST LIFE

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY ARRIVED
FRIENDSHIP AIRPORT ELEVEN TWENTY THREE PM, JANUARY NINETEEN,
LAST, ABOARD EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE TWO SIX. MRS ABERNATHY
ARRIVED TWO ZERO SEVEN AM, JANUARY TWENTY INSTANT, AT FRIENDSHIP
AIRPORT, ABOARD FLIGHT THREE SIX SIX, DELTA AIRLINES. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

b2
b7D

END PAGE ONE

COPIES DESTROYED

286 JAN 5 1971

PAGE TWO U N C L A S S I F I E D

ABERNATHY AND PARTY, CONSISTING OF MRS. ABERNATHY AND MR. J. T. JOHNSON, WILL ATTEND SWEARING IN CEREMONY AT CAPITOL, SEATED SECTION A, TICKETS NUMBER TWO FIVE FOUR SIX AND TWO FIVE FOUR EIGHT.

ABERNATHY AND PARTY WILL VIEW INAUGURAL PARADE FROM SEATS ON EAST SIDE OF WHITE HOUSE, SOUTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, ROW NINE, SEATS ONE, TWO, AND THIRTY.

THE ABERNATHYS WILL ATTEND INAUGURAL BALL AT THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION SCHEDULED FOR NINE PM, JANUARY TWENTY INSTANT, HOLDING RESERVATIONS FOR BOX SEVENTY EIGHT.

ABERNATHYS AND PARTY HAVE TICKETS FOR RECEPTION TO BE HELD IN THE LORRAINE ROOM, LAFAYETTE HOTEL, SIXTEENTH AND I STREETS, NW, SCHEDULED FOR ONE AM, JANUARY TWENTY ONE NEXT.

ABERNATHY DRIVING RED FURY THREE RENTAL CAR BEARING VIRGINIA LICENSE.

SAS OF THE FBI OBSERVED THIS AUTOMOBILE AT SIX FORTY FIVE AM, JANUARY TWENTY INSTANT, PARKED IN LOWER LEVEL PARKING AREA NORTH OF THREE ZERO ONE G STREET, S.W., APARTMENT COMPLEX. CAR BEARS CURRENT VIRGINIA LICENSE EIGHT SIX DASH ZERO TWO SEVEN.
END

AND HOLD FR ACKS LPLS

 PLS ACK FBI 05

62

QSL 005

F B I

Date: 12/11/68

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 4-4-83 BY [redacted]

Per release
SCLC- [redacted]

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-10603) (P)

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATIONS DURING PRESIDENTIAL
INAUGURATION CEREMONIES
WASHINGTON, D. C.
JANUARY 19-20, 1969
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re Charlotte teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, and
WFO dated 12/10/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM,
and for Atlanta and WFO 2 copies each, captioned as above,
copies of which have been disseminated locally to military
intelligence agencies and Secret Service. A copy has also
been furnished the USA, EDNC, Raleigh, North Carolina.

83 DEC 31 1968

SA [redacted] furnished the information
to SAIC [redacted] Secret Service, Charlotte, North
Carolina, and to Lt. CURT HARDY, 11th MIG, Fayetteville,
North Carolina.

Charlotte, at Charlotte, North Carolina, has
alerted all agents and appropriate sources to this matter
and any further information received will be appropriately
submitted.

- ③ - Bureau (Encs. 11) (RM)
2 - Atlanta (Encs. 2) (RM)
2 - WFO (Encs. 2) (RM)

4 - Charlotte (2 - 100-10603) (1 - [redacted]) (1 - 100-10173)

Approved: [redacted]

61 JAN 10 1969

Sent _____

M

Per _____

AGENCY: ACIS, ONI, OSI, STATE,
SEC. SER., RAO (100-10603)

DATE FORWARDED: 12/11/68
HOW FORWARDED: [redacted]
BY: [redacted]

ENCLOSURE

DEC 14 1968

ORIGINAL FILED IN 100-442706-40



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina

December 11, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title	DEMONSTRATIONS DURING PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION CEREMONIES WASHINGTON, D. C. JANUARY 19-20, 1969
Character	INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)
Reference	Memorandum made at Charlotte, North Carolina, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina
December 11, 1968

DEMONSTRATIONS DURING PRESIDENTIAL
INAUGURATION CEREMONIES 7-15-92 [REDACTED]
WASHINGTON, D. C.

JANUARY 19-20, 1969
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 4-4-83 BY [REDACTED]
Per release
sclh-

b2
b7D

Representatives of 111th Military Intelligence
Group, Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Secret Service,
Charlotte, North Carolina, were advised of the above
information.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS NEITHER RECOMMENDATIONS
NOR CONCLUSIONS OF THE FBI. IT IS THE PROPERTY
OF THE FBI AND IS LOANED TO YOUR AGENCY; IT AND
ITS CONTENTS ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE
YOUR AGENCY.

100-442706

F B I

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

Date: 12/12/68

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

Transmit the following in

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-7664) (P)

DEMONSTRATIONS DURING PRESIDENTIAL
INAUGURATION CEREMONIES,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
1/19-20/69
INFORMATION CONCERNING - (IS)

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, 12/11/68, captioned as
above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are original and ten copies
of LHM.

Enclosed for WFO is one copy of LHM.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is
information from whom must be classified confidential.

ENCLOSURE

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 12) (RM)
- 1 - WFO (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 6 - Atlanta
 - (2 - 100-7664)
 - (1 - 100-5718) (SCLC)
 - (1 - 157-257) (P. ALTERNATE)
 - (1 - [REDACTED])
 - (1 - [REDACTED])

100-442706-

NOT RECORDED

150 DEC 30 1968

AGENCY: ACSL, ONI, OSI, STATE

SEC. SER.; RAO (150, 1070)

DATE FORWARD: 12/18/68

HOW FORWARD: 8/5

BY: [REDACTED]

ENCLOSURE

Approved: [REDACTED]

Sent

M

Per

Special Agent in Charge

ORIGINAL FILED IN



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

December 12, 1968

Title	DEMONSTRATIONS DURING PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION CEREMONIES, WASHINGTON, D. C., JANUARY 19-20, 1969
Character	INFORMATION CONCERNING - (INTERNAL SECURITY)
Reference	Memorandum prepared at Atlanta, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia

December 12, 1968

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DEMONSTRATIONS DURING PRESIDENTIAL
INAUGURATION CEREMONIES,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
JANUARY 19-20, 1969
INFORMATION CONCERNING -
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

b7c
b7D [REDACTED]

On December 11, 1968, source advised that neither Ralph D. Abernathy, as President of SCLC, nor SCLC, as an organization, contemplate participating in any disturbance relating to the forthcoming Presidential Inauguration Ceremonies. In this connection, source pointed out that as of the present time, SCLC continues to be apprehensive as to how it, as an organization, and the Civil Rights Movement, as a whole, will fare under the Nixon Administration. As a consequence, it would be illogical for SCLC to consider activity relative to inauguration ceremonies which might alienate the incoming administration.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

b7c
DECLASSIFIED BY [REDACTED]
ON 7-15-92

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

FBI CHICAGO

TO DIRECTOR AND WFO AND ATLANTA

FROM CHICAGO

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION**

JAN 19

TELETYPE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sullivan ✓ _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE THREAT AGAINST LIFE RM. b7c

CHICAGO ILLINOIS POLICE DEPARTMENT [REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE

DIVISION ADVISED THAT MAIN SWITCHBOARD RECEIVED ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL JANUARY NINETEEN INSTANT FROM UNKNOWN MALE WHO STATED QUOTE REVEREND ABERNATHY WILL BE KILLED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. UNQUOTE. TELEPHONE OPERATOR ATTEMPTED TO DETERMINE DATE AND MEANS OF KILLING BUT CALLER WOULD NOT FURNISH FURTHER DETAILS. ONLY FURTHER INFORMATION GIVEN WAS QUOTE I'M CALLING FROM CLARK STREET UNQUOTE. CHICAGO PD HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION NOR SUSPECTS. FOR INFORMATION REVEREND ABERNATHY IN CHICAGO JANUARY EIGHTEEN LAST AND SPOKE AT MEETING OF OPERATION BREADBASKET, ECONOMIC ARM OF SCLC WHEREIN HE ATTACKED PRESIDENT ELECT NIXON'S THEORIES ON BLACK CAPITALISM. HIS APPEARANCE RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE IN LOCAL NEWS MEDIA.

ADMINISTRATIVE

REMYTEL TO BUREAU AND ATLANTA JANUARY EIGHTEEN LAST ENTITLED
"COMINFIL-SCLC. IS-C. OO: ATLANTA" REPORTING ON ABERNATHY'S
APPEARANCE IN CHICAGO. WFO AND ATLANTA ADVISE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.
MILITARY AND SECRET SERVICE, CHICAGO ADVISED LHM FOLLOWS WITH COPY
FOR UNITED STATES ATTORNEY.

END TELETYPE TO: COPY SENT AG AND IDIN
XEROX ROSEN

SLB

FBI WASH DC*

ROOM 836 9&D

CHICAGO ADVISED [REDACTED] LHM FOLLOWS WITH COPY
[REDACTED] 4:50 PM.
[REDACTED] IDIV advised [REDACTED] not to
Chicago office & determine if [REDACTED] not to
advised 4:15 PM & determine if [REDACTED] not to
alternately on his head quarters of [REDACTED] not to
Chicago office & call Atlanta and have
it have Atlanta PD advise immediately on
headquarters - advised of action 5 PM - WFO has
WFO advised of appropriate action and
PD. WFO advised PD of [REDACTED]
located in [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] 67C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI WASH DC

JAN 19 1969

TELETYPE

FBI ATLANTA

5:46 PM URGENT 1-19-69

TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO

FROM ATLANTA 157-257

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [redacted]

REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE, THREAT AGAINST LIFE; RM.

RECGTEL TO BUREAU AND PHONE CALL TO ATLANTA JAN. NINETEEN
SIXTYNINE CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

INFORMATION SET FORTH IN RETEL REGARDING THREAT AGAINST
RALPH D. ABERNATHY FURNISHED ON RECEIPT TO [redacted]
EXTERNAL SECURITY DIVISION ATLANTA PD, SECRET SERVICE ATLANTA,
AND ONE ELEVENTH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GROUP, FT. MCPHERSON, GA.
BUREAU POLICY REGARDING MATTERS OF THIS NATURE CONCERNING SCLC
PERSONNEL HAS BEEN THAT ATLANTA FURNISHES INFO TO APPROPRIATE
PERSONNEL OF ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT.

END

ELR

FBI WASH DC

12 JAN 28 1969

ROOM 836 9&D

147
FEB 6 - 1969

FBI

Date: 1/31/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257)
 SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
 RACIAL MATTER

Enclosed for the Bureau is original and eight copies of an LHM, for Detroit one copy, for Los Angeles one copy, for New York one copy and for WFO one copy of LHM.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [REDACTED] information from whom must be classified confidential.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

- 3 - Bureau (RM) (Encs. 9) ENCLOSURE
 1 - Detroit (RM) (Enc. 1)
 1 - Los Angeles (RM) (Enc. 1)
 1 - New York (RM) (Enc. 1)
 1 - WFO (RM) (Enc. 1)
 4 - Atlanta (1 - 157-257) [REDACTED] b2 b7D

(1 - 100-57181) (SCLC)

(11)

AGENCY: ACSI, OSI, OSI:SEQ, RRR, State, [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]: ISD, CRD, RAO, [REDACTED]
 DATE FORW: 2/9/69
 HOW FORW: [REDACTED]
 BY: [REDACTED]

20 FEB 1 1969

C. C. Bishop

Approved: [REDACTED]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M

Per

100-442706-54



*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Atlanta, Georgia

January 31, 1969

Title RALPH D. ABERNATHY

Character RACIAL MATTER

**Reference Memorandum prepared at Atlanta,
dated and captioned as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia

January 31, 1969

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTER

DECLASSIFIED BY
ON 7-15-92



This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1*

100-442706-54

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

ENCLOSURE

FBI WASH DC

11:45 AM URGENT 1-30-69

TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA

FROM HOUSTON (157-1490)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 30 1969

TELETYPE
b7c

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

5/5

RALPH D. ABERNATHY, RACIAL MATTER.

RE ATLANTA TEL TODAY.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AT PRAIRIE VIEW A & M COLLEGE, PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS, ADVISED TODAY THAT ABERNATHY WAS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE GENERAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY AT PRAIRIE VIEW TODAY, BUT HIS SPEECH HAS BEEN CANCELLED BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER. THIS SOURCE ADVISED THAT IN VIEW OF THE HEAVY SCHEDULE AT PRAIRIE VIEW ABERNATHY WILL NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR AGAIN DURING THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.

b7c

END

7-15-92 [REDACTED]

b7c

REC-33

157-1490-55

GMA

FBI WASH DC

12 FEB 4 1969

@ 51 FEB 11 1969

b7c

CC [REDACTED]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 30 1969

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI ATLANTA

9:40 AM URGENT 1/30/69 SAT

TO DIRECTOR AND HOUSTON
FROM ATLANTA 157-257

RALPH D. ABERNATHY, RACIAL MATTER.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7/15/92 BY [redacted]

b7c ON JAN. TWENTY NINE, SIXTYNINE, [redacted]
[redacted] SCLC, DURING COURSE OF ANOTHER MATTER, AD-
VISED RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SCLC, PLANNED TO BE IN
HOUSTON, TEXAS, JAN. THIRTY, SIXTYNINE.
A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED ON JAN. THIRTY, SIXTYNINE, THAT
ABERNATHY WAS SCHEDULED TO DELIVER A SPEECH (TIME NO KNOWN) AT
PRAIRIE VIEW COLLEGE, PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS, ON JAN. THIRTY,
SIXTYNINE. ABERNATHY'S AIR RESERVATIONS NOT KNOWN.
ATLANTA AIRPORT, EARLY MORNING, JAN. THIRTY, SIXTYNINE,
SUFFERING FROM SEVERE FOG.

END

BJP

FBI WASH DC

TUP

REC 107

100-44-246-5

b7c

F.B.I.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

Date: 2/13/69

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 7-15-92 BY

Transmit the following in (Type in plaintext or code)

Via

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

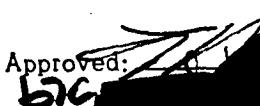
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257)

SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RM

- ③ - Bureau (RM)
5 - Atlanta (1 - 157-257)

Approved: 

Special Agent in Charge

FEB 24 1969

100-5718

Sent

62672 67D

Per

FEB 15 1969

RAC

AT 157-257.

At this time, the foregoing is submitted for information. Additional information, when developed, will be promptly forwarded. Consideration will be given to such recommendations as may subsequently appear appropriate.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

FBI

Date: 2/10/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-874)
SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM and for recipient offices copies as designated below, relating to captioned matter.

Two copies of the LHM are being furnished G-2 and Secret Service, and one copy of the LHM is being furnished USA, all Detroit, Michigan.

The sources utilized in the LHM are identified as follows:

Source #1 is [REDACTED] Special Investigations Bureau, Detroit Police Department.

Source #2 is [REDACTED]

Sources were unable to furnish any information relating to the itinerary of subject.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
- 1 - New York (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Detroit

(9)

ENCLOSURE

ST 102

REC-8

100-442706-58

4 FEB 13 1969

AGENCY: ACST. OSI; SEC. SER:

DATE: 2/17/69

HOW FORW: R/S

BY: [REDACTED]

55 FEB 25 1969

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

DE 157-874

The LHM is being classified ~~confidential~~
to protect the sources utilized.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Detroit, Michigan
February 10, 1969

67c
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED BY
ON 7-15-92

Re: Ralph D. Abernathy

Source number one and source number two, both who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 10, 1969, that Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), spoke at Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, on February 9, 1969. Abernathy addressed a capacity crowd which was predominantly Negro and the purpose of his appearance in Detroit was to speak to the people on the opening day of National Negro History Week in Detroit, Michigan.

Both source number one and source number two advised that Abernathy commented that he does not trust President Richard Nixon any more than he did former President Lyndon Johnson. He described President Nixon as a man who "does not have the understanding or sensitivity to deal with the problems of the black and the poor".

Abernathy also stated that the Negro in America has been abused and deprived ever since the first Negro arrived in the United States. He further added, "America owes the black man a check". He stated, "They wrote us a check in 1863 (the Emancipation Proclamation) and we presented it to America and it bounced". Continuing he stated, "We came back to the bank today and we are determined to collect our check today plus interest".

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

GROUP 1

Excluded From Automatic
Downgrading and
Declassification

COPIES DESTROYED

286 JAN 5 1971

ENCLOSURE

100-442700 58

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: Ralph D. Abernathy

Both sources stated that when Abernathy was questioned about the future of the civil rights movement in the United States he said "We're going to freedom's land". He said, while the audience murmured approval, "We're not gonna let anyone turn us around".

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

~~2* -
CONFIDENTIAL~~

VIA TELETYPE
ENCIPHERED

- Mr. Tolson_____
- Mr. DeLoach_____
- Mr. Mohr_____
- Mr. Bishop_____
- Mr. Casper_____
- Mr. Callahan_____
- Mr. Conrad_____
- Mr. Felt_____
- Mr. Gale_____
- Mr. Rosen_____
- Mr. Sullivan✓
- Mr. Tavel_____
- Mr. Trotter_____
- Tele. Room_____
- Miss Holmes_____
- Miss Gandy_____

7-15-92 [redacted] b7c

9:22 PM URGENT 2-19-69
TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK
NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON
FROM ATLANTA

RALPH D. ABERNATHY. RACIAL MATTER.

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] SOURCE COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DETAILS. FOR INFORMATION.
CONFIDENTIAL.

RECEIVED: 927 PM [redacted] b7c

REC 101

100-44-100-59

25 FEB 20 1969

TELETYPED TO:

11/12
FEB 28 1969

ROOM 800 920

b7c

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

MAR. 3, 1969

SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-18339) (RUC)

COMINFIL
SCLC
IS-C

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 9-19-90 BY [REDACTED]

Re New Haven letter, 10/10/68, with enclosed LHM.

The referenced LHM sets forth a list of names of individuals who comprise the officers and Board of Directors of the Stamford, Conn., Chapter of the SCLC.

The indices of the NHO were reviewed and a memo prepared for the file. The indices indicated past interest in civil rights on behalf of several of the officers and members of the Board of Directors.

The Stamford Chapter of the SCLC is sponsored by the Wilson Memorial Church and operates out of the church. They have no permanent headquarters in Stamford and no full time employees. The chapter is run as a church function.

In view of the above, it is not felt that further investigation is warranted in this matter.

- 3 - Bureau (2 - 100-438794) (RM) (1 - Rev. Ralph David Abernathy)
- 3 - Atlanta (2 - 100-5718) (RM) (1 - 157-277) (Rev. Abernathy)
- 2 - New Haven (1 - 100-18339) (1 - 157-959) (Rev. Abernathy)

(8)

100-442706-
NOT RECORDED

87 MAR 5 1969

54 MAR 13 1969

VIA TELETYPE
ENCIPHERED

b7c

4:37 PM URGENT 3-6-69

TO DIRECTOR, WFO, BALTIMORE, NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA
BALTIMORE NEW YORK PHILADELPHIA VIA WASHINGTON
FROM ATLANTA

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

RALPH D. ABERNATHY RACIAL MATTER.

ON MARCH SIX, SIX NINE, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED
RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED HE DETERMINED THAT ON MARCH
FIVE, SIX NINE, RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), TRAVELLED FROM ATLANTA TO PHILADELPHIA
PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A SPEECH (SPECIFIC LOCATION
NOT KNOWN).

END PAGE ONE

TELETYPED 12

78 MAR 17 1969

TWO COPIES WFO

REC-3

11 MAR 10 1969

b7c

PAGE TWO

SOURCE COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DETAILS.

ADMINISTRATIVE.

BUREAU FILE ONE ZERO ZERO - FOUR FOUR TWO SEVEN ZERO SIX,
ATLANTA FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO FIVE SEVEN.

^{b2}
^{b7D} SOURCE REFERRED TO IS [REDACTED] INFORMATION
FROM WHOM MUST BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL.

RECEIVED: 4:51 PM

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

F B I

Date: 3/7/69

5/7/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257)

SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RM

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau, 2/13/69, captioned
as above.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This matter will be followed.

EX-110

- ③ - Bureau (RM)
3 - Atlanta

- { 1 - 157-257
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]

100-442706-61

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

20 MAR 8 1969

70 MAR 19 1969

Approved: [REDACTED]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M

Per

RECEIVED
SERIAL

FBI

Date: 3/11/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-433794)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-42300) (P*)

COMMUNIL OF SCLC
IS - C
(CO:AT)

CLASSIFIED AND
EXTENDED BY

DECLASSIFIED
ON 9-23-80

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for Atlanta 2 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Enclosed LHM contains information re speech made by RALPH D. ABERNATHY at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., on 3/5/69.

Confidential source mentioned in LHM is

who is an established source of WFO and whose identity is concealed per his request. The information was obtained by SA

Enclosed LHM is classified "CONFIDENTIAL" as it contains information furnished by a confidential source whose identity must be protected.

NOT RECORDED

183 MAR 19 1969

- 3-Bureau (Enc 11)
- 2-Atlanta (Enc 2) (100-5718) (RM)
- 3-WFO
 - (1-157-1654) (ABERNATHY)
 - (1-157-1345) (POCAM)

25 MAR 12 1969

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Approved: **56 MAR 21 1969**
Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M Per

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 9-22-80 BY 15-92

0126 1170794 210

ORIGINAL FILED IN

FBI

Date: 3/14/69

Transmit the following

(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL

DECLASSIFIED BY

ON

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-NEW) (P)

MEMORIAL MARCH COMMEMORATING
DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
TO BE HELD MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE,
APRIL 4, 1969
RACIAL MATTERS

CLASSIFIED AND
EXTENDED BY

(OO: Memphis)

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a
letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum are also
designated for other listed offices.

Local authorities have been advised regarding
proposed memorial march and copies of the
are being furnished to U. S. Attorneys at Memphis and
Nashville, Tennessee; to U. S. Secret Service, Memphis,
to 111th MI Group, Third Army, Memphis and Nashville,
Tennessee; to NISO, Charleston, North Carolina, and Memphis,
Tennessee; to OSI, 8th District, Maxwell AFB, Alabama; to
OSI, 9th District, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana; and to G-2,
Third Army, Ft. McPherson, Georgia.

ENCLOSURE

- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 11) (RM)
- 3 - Atlanta (Encs. 3) (RM)
- 2 - Jackson (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Little Rock (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 2 - WFO (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 14 - Memphis (2 - 157-NEW); 1 - 157-556 (Possible Racial Violence)
- 1 - 157-1168, (Racial Situation); 157-166 (SCLC); 1-157-1022
- (Black Nationalist Movement); 1 - 157-1516 (AFSCME);
- 1 - 157-1538 (RALPH D. ABERNATHY);
- 1 - 157-1308 (COME); 1 -
- 1 - 66-1687 Sub A (Dissemination)

Classified by

Declassify on: OADR

Sent

3/4/69

M

Permitted

51 APR 4 1969

Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

ENCLOSURE

ORIGINAL FILED IN

EX-100
42
DECLASSIFIED
DATE 11/11/93 BY 60322

(u)

b7c

ME 157-NEW

(
b2
b7C
b7D
(
The first confidential source utilized in the enclosed LHM is [REDACTED] (u)

The second confidential source utilized in the enclosed LHM is [REDACTED] Greyhound Bus Lines, Memphis, Tennessee (protected by request) (u)

LEADS:

ALL OFFICES RECEIVING COPIES OF THIS AIRTEL
are requested to contact logical racial informants and sources of information and ascertain plans of local SCLC groups or other organizations regarding their plans to take part in captioned memorial march. Sources should also be contacted regarding information concerning the "Poor Peoples March" on Washington, D. C., scheduled to begin 4/4/69, also at Memphis, Tennessee.

JACKSON AND LITTLE ROCK DIVISIONS

Will maintain contact with local transportation companies for any information re leasing or renting of buses to transport persons to Memphis, Tennessee, for local memorial march or to transport persons to Washington, D. C., for the proposed "Poor Peoples" march on Washington.

MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

Will maintain contact with logical sources and furnish all information available re proposed marches.



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

**Memphis, Tennessee
March 14, 1969**

**Title: MEMORIAL MARCH COMMEMORATING
DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
TO BE HELD MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE,
APRIL 4, 1969**

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

**Reference: Memorandum prepared at Memphis,
Tennessee, dated and captioned as
above**

**All sources (except any listed below) whose
identities are concealed in referenced communication have
furnished reliable information in the past.**

**This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions
of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to
your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed
outside your agency.**

FBI

Date: 3/7/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257)
 b7c
 SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
 RM

Enclosed for the Bureau is original and eight copies
 of an LHM and one copy each for Chicago, New York and WFO.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [REDACTED]
 information from whom must be classified confidential.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED] b7c

ENCLOSURE

- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 9) (RM)
 1 - Chicago (Enc. 1) (RM)
 1 - New York (Enc. 1) (RM)
 1 - WFO (Enc. 1) (RM)
 2 - Atlanta (1 - 157-257) REC-10

100-442706-62

20 MAR 8 1969

AGENCY: AGST, OSI; SEC. SER.

330 CRD DAO TDR

DATE

HOW

BY:

RECEIVED
SECT. 67c

Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge



*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

March 7, 1969

Title RALPH D. ABERNATHY

Character RACIAL MATTERS

**Reference Memorandum prepared at Atlanta,
dated and captioned as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

March 7, 1969

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTERS

67D
[REDACTED]

67C
[REDACTED]
DECLASSIFIED BY
7-15-96

100-442706-62

This document contains neither recommendations nor
conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is
loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be
distributed outside your agency.

1*

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

COPIES DESTROYED

286 JAN 5 1971

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification
~~ENCLOSURE~~



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
March 14, 1969

CLASSIFIED AND
EXTENDED BY

ALL

FC

DA

DECLASSIFIED BY

9-2950
b7c 3-14-88

Re: MEMORIAL MARCH COMMEMORATING
DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
TO BE HELD MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE,
APRIL 4, 1969
RACIAL MATTERS

On March 13, 1969, Jesse Epps, International Representative of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO), and the Reverend James Lawson, Pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, held a press conference at Memphis, Tennessee, at which press conference Jesse Epps announced that a memorial march will be held through downtown Memphis, Tennessee, April 4, 1969, the first anniversary of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Epps stated that the Memphis march will begin at the same time as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)-sponsored "Poor People's March" to Washington, D. C., which was announced in Miami, Florida, on March 12, 1969, by the Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, President of the SCLC.

Epps stated that Coretta King, widow of Dr. King, and the Reverend Abernathy are among those invited to attend the beginning of this march at Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Epps stated that when the marchers arrive at the Lorraine Motel, where Dr. King was killed, they will place a wreath at a large picture of Dr. King, and observe a minute of silence.

Page one of the April 14, 1968, issue of the "Commercial Appeal," a local daily newspaper at Memphis, Tennessee, reflected the following article entitled, "Good Friday March to Honor King":

ENCLOSURE

DECLASSIFIED BY
ON 3/4/83

ENCLOSURE

100-442700

7-15-92

MEMORIAL MARCH COMMEMORATING
DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
TO BE HELD MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE,
APRIL 4, 1969

"A memorial march will be held through downtown Memphis on April 4, first anniversary of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King. On the same day, another 'Poor Peoples' march to Washington will originate here.

"They are not related, said Jesse Epps, international representative of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO), when he announced the local march yesterday.

"The Washington march had been announced Wednesday night in a Miami speech by the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, successor to Dr. King as leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

"The announcements were made separately, but Memphis planners were looking for harmony. 'We will not try to stand in conflict,' said the Rev. James Lawson, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church and a civil rights leader. 'It will be one single happening.'

"Mr. Epps and the Rev. Mr. Lawson were close-mouthed about details of the Memphis march, but in Washington, Jerry Wurf, president of the AFSCME, said it would begin at Clayborn Temple, go by the Lorraine Motel, where Dr. King was killed, and proceed to City Hall.

"At City Hall, political, union, and church leaders are expected to speak. Mr. Epps said Mrs. Coretta King, widow of Dr. King, and the Rev. Mr. Abernathy are among those invited.

"When the marchers arrive at the motel, they will place a wreath at a large picture of Dr. King and observe a minute of silence.

"The Rev. Mr. Lawson said the march is not connected with the conviction Monday of James Earl Ray, who pleaded guilty to killing Dr. King and has started serving a 99-year sentence. 'This is just to bring about changes that Memphis and the nation must have.'

MEMORIAL MARCH COMMEMORATING
DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
TO BE HELD MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE,
APRIL 4, 1969

D.C.
TENN
"Dr. H. Ralph Jackson, director of the Minimum Salary Department of the AME Church and vice chairman of Community on the Move for Equality (COME), conducted the Washington press conference with Mr. Wurf and said caravans from other cities, particularly those in which employees are organized, will move into Memphis for the march. Dr. Jackson added that COME will furnish 24 buses to bring marchers from Marks, Miss.; Fayette County, Tenn.; and areas in Arkansas.

"He will meet Monday, he said, with Frank Holloman, fire and police director, to secure the necessary permits.

"Bayard Rustin, who co-ordinated the Washington march in 1963, agreed last week to direct the Memphis march. *D.C.*
TENN

"Mr. Wurf said he did not feel there would be a problem getting time off for city-employed union members, calling attention to April 4 being Good Friday which many consider a holiday. 'Let me assure you there will be no shutdown of critical public services,' he added.

"Announcing the national march, the Rev. Mr. Abernathy said he will personally lead it, calling it the second chapter of the 'Poor Peoples Campaign.' Without elaborating, he said the march will include a 'Black Easter' celebration enroute to Washington.

"I do not anticipate the building of a Resurrection City as such,' the Rev. Mr. Abernathy told the Miami audience, 'but we do intend to use our First Amendment rights of orderly and peacefully petitioning the President as well as the Congress for redress of our grievances.'"

On March 13, 1969, a confidential source familiar with SCLC activities at Memphis, Tennessee, advised that no plans have been formulated by the local SCLC organization regarding either the memorial march commemorating the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to be held at Memphis, Tennessee, April 4, 1969, or the "Poor Peoples March" on Washington, D. C., which has been announced as beginning at Memphis, Tennessee, also on April 4, 1969.

MEMORIAL MARCH COMMEMORATING
DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
TO BE HELD MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE,
APRIL 4, 1969

A second confidential source advised on March 13, 1969, that no arrangements have been made at Memphis, Tennessee, to obtain buses to transport persons to Washington, D. C., on or about April 4, 1969.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

WFO 100-42303

Enclosed LHM has been disseminated locally by WFO to interested military intelligence agencies and the U. S. Secret Service.

WFO contemplates no additional investigation in this matter at this time and enclosed LHM is furnished for the information of the Bureau and Atlanta.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20535

March 11, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

**COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

On March 4, 1969, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Atlanta, Georgia, was scheduled to appear on the Georgetown University Campus, Washington, D. C., on March 5, 1969. The appearance was to be in connection with a symposium to be held on the Georgetown University Campus during which the Kerner Commission report was to be discussed.

The March 6, 1969, edition of "The Evening Star," a daily Washington, D. C. newspaper, reported as follows:

"The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy said yesterday that he is going to bring the Poor People's Campaign back to Washington for a dramatic confrontation with the government.

"In an interview before his speech at a symposium at Georgetown University on the Kerner Commission report of a year ago, Abernathy said he could not say what form the demonstrations would take but that the poor would come to Washington to place their demands before Congress.

"Last spring Abernathy and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference he heads brought thousands of representatives of the poor to the District to camp beside the Reflecting Pool and to march and demonstrate."

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

7-15-92

DECLASSIFIED BY

ON 9-23-82

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

100-442706-

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

On March 7, 1969, the above confidential source advised that Abernathy had appeared at the Georgetown University Campus on March 5, 1969, as scheduled. His speech was made in Gaston Hall and was presented before between 800 and 1,000 individuals. According to the source Gaston Hall will accommodate 800 and the overflow were placed in the Hall of Nations building and Abernathy's speech was carried to them through the use of a loudspeaker system between the two buildings.

The above source indicated the symposium was opened to the public and those in attendance did not represent all students as there were several interested individuals from the community in attendance.

Abernathy arrived on the campus at approximately 1:00 p.m. and ended his speech at approximately 2:25 p.m. after which he went to the campus radio station for an interview. He left the campus at approximately 4:20 p.m. and was overheard to say he planned to leave Washington, D. C. on March 5, 1969, by air.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FBI

Date: 3/4/69

(Type in plaintext or code)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE
RM - BNAT
(OO: CHICAGO)
(Bufile 157-9364)
(CGfile 157-2552)

DECLASSIFIED BY
ON 3-9-83

Per release
SCLC-

COMINFIL - SCLC
IS - C
(OO: ATLANTA)
(Bufile 100-438794)
(CGfile 105-16233)

AGENCY: AGENT, FBI, CHICAGO, SER:
150
3/17/69
RICK
b7c

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letter-
head memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above. One
copy each has been furnished to the U.S. Attorney and U.S.
Secret Service, both Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group,
Evanston, Illinois. Two copies also furnished to Atlanta.

The sources utilized in the enclosed LHM are as
follows:

First source is [REDACTED]
(protect per request).

Second [REDACTED]

- ENCLOSURE
- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 11) (RM)
 - 2 - Atlanta (Encls. 2) (Info) (RM)
 - (1 - (COMINFIL - SCLC)
 - (1 - (ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE)
 - 5 - Chicago
 - (1 - [REDACTED])
 - (1 - 157-953) (JESSE JACKSON)
 - (1 - 157-914) (CHESTER ROBINSON)

17 MAR 6 1969

Approved: [REDACTED]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent

MAC [REDACTED] SECT.

194-2562
150-438

CG 157-2552
CG 105-16238

[REDACTED]

Xu

[REDACTED]

b2
b7C
b7D

Chicago indices are negative regarding [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Xu

CG 157-2552
CG 105-16238

b7c The interview of ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE on 9/19/68 was conducted by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and the results were reported previously in Chicago airtel and LHM dated 10/1/68, captioned "ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE, also known as Barracuda".

In view of the instability and apparent unreliability of ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE, Chicago is conducting no further investigation concerning the contents of RICE's letter.

LEAD

ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Contact sources for any information tending to prove allegations by RICE.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
March 4, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-2552
105-16238

REASON FOR EXTENSION
EXTENDED BY

ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE, [redacted]

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC)

[On February 27, 1969, a confidential source] with whom there has been insufficient contact to determine his reliability [redacted]

WSO is a local civil rights organization active on Chicago's west side in organizing welfare unions and assisting welfare recipients who live in that area.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

9-26-80
CLASSIFIED AND
EXTENDED BY
REASON FOR EXTENSION
FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR
DECLASSIFICATION

100-442706-
3489

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET2

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- ☒ Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

Section 552Section 552a☐ (b)(1)☐ (b)(7)(A)☐ (d)(5)☐ (b)(2)☐ (b)(7)(B)☐ (j)(2)☐ (b)(3)☒ (b)(7)(C)☐ (k)(1)☒ (b)(7)(D)☐ (k)(2)☐ (b)(7)(E)☐ (k)(3)☐ (b)(7)(F)☐ (k)(4)☐ (b)(4)☐ (b)(8)☐ (k)(5)☐ (b)(5)☐ (b)(9)☐ (k)(6)☐ (b)(6)☐ (k)(7)

- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- ☐ Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

☐ For your information:

- ☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

100-442706-NR dated 3/4/69 (Enclosure -

pgs 2+3)

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 X DELETED PAGE(S) X
 X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
 X FOR THIS PAGE X
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

RE: ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC)

On September 19, 1968, Abraham Lincoln Rice appeared at the Chicago Office of the FBI and was interviewed by representatives of the FBI. At that time Rice alleged that seven attempts to assassinate him had occurred during the past month. Rice was unable to furnish the identities or details of the alleged attempts to assassinate him and he continually referred to his alleged assassins as "they". He expressed the opinion that among those wanting to kill him were Reverend James Orange of the SCLC, Reverend Jesse Jackson of the SCLC, William Darden and Bobby Joe Mason, both members of WSO. During the course of this interview, it was obvious that Rice was very disturbed emotionally. At one point he began to weep and required a period of time to regain control of himself.

1
57D
1
[REDACTED]

ABRAHAM LINCOLN RICE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED
AND DANGEROUS.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 20 1969

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI WASH DC

FBI DETROIT

2:20 PM URGENT 3-20-69

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, ATLANTA

FROM SAC, DETROIT (157-874) 1P

RALPH D. ABERNATHY, RM.

SOURCE, RELIABLE IN THE PAST, ADVISED THIS DATE REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), WILL BE THE LENTEN SPEAKER FOR METROPOLITAN DETROIT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ON THURSDAY, MARCH TWENTY INSTANT. SOURCE STATES REVEREND ABERNATHY WILL SPEAK AT THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, DEARBORN, MICHIGAN, AT SEVEN THIRTY PM, THIS DATE. DEPARTURE TIME NOT KNOWN.

G-TWO, USA AND SECRET SERVICE, ALL DETROIT, ADVISED.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

DETROIT WILL FOLLOW AND SUBMIT LHM CONTAINING PERTINENT COMMENTS OF REVEREND ABERNATHY.

END.

GMJ

FBI WASH DC

ROOM 333 92D

18 MAR 25 1969

FBI

Date: 3/7/69

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
IS - CALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE

DECLASSIFIED BY

Re Atlanta airtel and LHM, 2/14/69, captioned as
above.Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight
copies of an LHM and for Memphis one copy.Source referred to in enclosed LHM is
information from whom must be classified confidential.

- ③ - Bureau (Encs. 9) (RM)
1 - Memphis (Enc. 1) (RM)
5 - Atlanta (1 - 100-5718)

- (1 - 100-6351) (CORETTA KING)
(1 - 157-257) (R. ABERNATHY)
(1 - 100-2162) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR.)

Classified by

Declassify on: OADR

Per (signature) b7c

SCLC

CLASSIFIED AND
EXTENDED BY
REASON FOR EXTENSION
FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR
DECLASSIFICATION

NOT RECORDED
203 MAR 20 1969

Approved:

70 MAR 24 1969

Special Agent in Charge

Se

M

Per

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

ORIGINAL FILED IN 100-438794-2561



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

March 7, 1969

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Memorandum prepared at Atlanta,
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

March 7, 1969

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE

CONFIDENTIAL

CLASSIFIED AND
EXTENDED BY
1. ASGN FOR EXTENSION
ICIM, II, 1-24.2.
DATE OF REVIEW FOR
DECLASSIFICATION

3-7-89 b7c

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

5-11-83
Classified by
Declassify on: OADR

Per President release

7-15-92

DECLASSIFIED BY
ON 10-2-84

b7c
b7D

b7c

This document contains neither recommendations nor
conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is
loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be
distributed outside your agency.

CONFIDENTIAL

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

100-442706-

ENCLOSURE

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET**

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- ☒ Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

Section 552Section 552a☐ (b)(1)☐ (b)(7)(A)☐ (d)(5)☐ (b)(2)☐ (b)(7)(B)☐ (j)(2)☐ (b)(3)☒ (b)(7)(C)☐ (k)(1)☒ (b)(7)(D)☐ (k)(2)☐ (b)(7)(E)☐ (k)(3)☐ (b)(7)(F)☐ (k)(4)☐ (b)(4)☐ (b)(8)☐ (k)(5)☐ (b)(5)☐ (b)(9)☐ (k)(6)☐ (b)(6)☐ (k)(7)

- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- ☐ Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s): _____

- ☐ For your information: _____

- ☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

100-442706-NR dated 3/7/69 (Enclosure-pg2)

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 X DELETED PAGE(S) X
 X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
 X FOR THIS PAGE X
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

F B I

Date: 3/21/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sullivan _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-874)
SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RM

Re Bureau teletype, 3/20/69, and Detroit teletype, 3/20/69, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for Atlanta two copies of an LHM relating to captioned matter. Two copies of the LHM are being furnished G-2 and Secret Service and one copy is being furnished USA, all Detroit, Mich.

The sources utilized in the LHM are as follows:

Source one is [REDACTED]

Source two is [REDACTED]

The LHM is being classified confidential to protect the sources utilized.

- ENCLOSURE
- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
 - 2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) (RM)
 - 1 - Detroit

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

AGENCY: ACST, [REDACTED], CSI: SEC. SER.

DATE FORM: [REDACTED]

HOW FORM: [REDACTED]

BY: [REDACTED]

REC-121

12 MAR 25 1969

APR 7 1969
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M _____ Per _____



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan
March 21, 1969

Re: Ralph D. Abernathy

All sources mentioned herein have furnished reliable information in the past.

Source one on March 20, 1969, advised Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) will be a lenten speaker for the Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches on March 20, 1969. Source further advised that Abernathy would speak at the First United Methodist Church, Dearborn, Michigan, on the PM of March 20, 1969.

Source two on March 20, 1969, advised Reverend Ralph Abernathy spoke before a near capacity crowd of 200 persons at the Dearborn, Michigan, Rotary meeting held at the Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, Michigan, on the afternoon of March 20, 1969. Source further advised that Dearborn Mayor Orville Hubbard at the Rotary meeting invited Reverend Abernathy to move into his all-white suburb. In replying to Mayor Hubbard's invitation, Abernathy said that when he finished solving the problems of the South, the nation, and the problems of poverty, he would consider retiring in Dearborn, Michigan. The crowd at this affair gave Reverend Abernathy a standing ovation at the start and at the completion of his speech. During the course of his speech, Reverend Abernathy denounced separatism and violence and said that the old "eye for an eye" etcetera, was not the answer. Reverend Abernathy said that

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~GROUP 1~~

Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

7-15-92

b7c

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: Ralph D. Abernathy

if we followed this quotation, we would end up with a blind society and a toothless generation. He then went on to state that the forces of evil know how to deal with violence.. Reverend Abernathy cited the use of fire hoses, police dogs, and clubs that met him and the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., during the past civil rights protest.

Source two advised on March 21, 1969, that Reverend Abernathy spoke before a crowd of 800 people all of whom were white with the exception of approximately 75 Negroes, on March 20, 1969, at the First United Methodist Church, 21124 Garrison, Dearborn, Michigan. Source advised that Reverend Abernathy's sermon was of a strictly religious nature with no comment being made regarding civil rights. Source advised that Reverend Abernathy was very well received and that he observed no known black militants in attendance at this lenten service. Source further advised that Reverend Abernathy's appearance at this affair was without incident.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

- 2* -

VIA TELETYPE
MAR 20 1969
ENCIPHERED

PARAPHRASE IF DISSEMINATED

Mr. Tolson____
Mr. DeLoach____
Mr. Mohr____
Mr. Bishop____
Mr. Casper____
Mr. Callahan____
Mr. Conrad____
Mr. Felt____
Mr. Gale____
Mr. Rosen____
Mr. Sullivan____
Mr. Tavel____
Mr. Trotter____
Tele. Room____
Miss Holmes____
Miss Gandy____

11:18 AM URGENT 3-20-69

TO DIRECTOR AND DETROIT
FROM ATLANTA

RALPH D. ABERNATHY, RACIAL MATTER.

[REDACTED]
ADVISED HE HAD LEARNED THAT RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT,
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), DEPARTED
ATLANTA SHORTLY PAST MIDNIGHT, MARCH ONE NINE, SIX NINE, VIA
AIR ENROUTE DETROIT, MICHIGAN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SPECIFIC REASON FOR ABERNATHY'S PRESENCE IN
DETROIT NOT KNOWN TO SOURCE. CONFIDENTIAL.

RECEIVED 11:27 AM RMC

EX-105

REC-123

167-11
3 MAR 25 1969

7-15-92 [REDACTED]
86 APR 3 1969 [REDACTED]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 22 1969

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI CHARLT

852 PM URGENT 3-22-69

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, AND KNOXVILLE

FROM CHARLOTTE (157-NEW)

DECLASSIFIED BY [REDACTED]
ON [REDACTED]

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (FOUR); ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE
DR. RALPH ABERNATHY, MARCH TWENTYTHREE, NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE.
RACIAL MATTERS.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE INSTANT DATE.

THERE IS NO INDICATION FROM ANY SOURCES IN NORTH
CAROLINA THAT ABERNATHY IS TO APPEAR FOR ANY SPEECHES
OR ACTIVITIES IN NORTH CAROLINA IN THE FUTURE.

ATLANTA ADVISE IF ABERNATHY HAS CHANGED ANY PLANS
FOR APPEARANCE IN NORTH CAROLINA BEFORE ANY INVESTIGATIVE
EFFORTS CONCERNING TELETYPE.

END.

MSE

FBI WASH DC

REC-10

100-442706-66

12 MAR 25 1969

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

ROOM 836 9&D

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 22 1969

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI ATLANTA

959PM URGENT 3/22/69

TO DIRECTOR, CHARLOTTE, KNOXVILLE
FROM ATLANTA (157-257)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (FOUR); ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE DR. RALPH
ABERNATHY, MARCH TWENTYTHREE, NINETEEN SIXTYNINE. RACIAL MATTERS.

RE KNOXVILLE AND CHARLOTTE TELS TO BUREAU THREE TWENTYTWO
SIXTYNINE, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

ESTABLISHED BUREAU POLICY RE THREATS OF NATURE SET FORTH IN
RETELS REQUIRES ATLANTA TO NOTIFY ATLANTA PD.

PERTINENT INFORMATION FURNISHED UPON RECEIPT TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EXTERNAL SECURITY DIVISION, ATLANTA PD.

[REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY ASCERTAINED ABERNATHY HAS NO APPEARANCE
TO APPEAR IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING WEEK COMMENCING THREE
TWENTYTHREE SIXTYNINE.

END

CORR SECOND LINE OF TITLE 1ST WRD SHULD READ "ABERNATHY"

MSE

FBI WASH DC

53 ROOM 835 9&D

Note sent to
Knoxville tel.

REC-31
100-442706-6

FBI

Date: 10/31/68

Transmit the following in 9-19-60 (Type in plaintext or code)~~CONFIDENTIAL~~Via CLASSIFIED AND REGISTERED MAIL (Priority)EXTENDED BY 2REASON FOR EXTENSION b7c

FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2

DATE OF REVIEW 10/31/68DECLASSIFY ON b7c

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-43879)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (100-23228)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SCLC
IS - C
(OO:ATLANTA)

100-442706-970

AGENCY: ASST. DIR., COMM. SER.

DATE FORW: 11/5/68

HOW FORW: b7c

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies, and one each for Atlanta and Philadelphia, of a Letterhead Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

Letterhead Memorandum classified confidential as it contains information furnished by a confidential source whose identity must be protected.

Confidential source mentioned in Letterhead Memorandum is 24

Enclosed Letterhead Memorandum disseminated locally to 109th MI Group, U. S. Secret Service, OSI, NISO, and U. S. Attorney, Baltimore.

NOT RECORDED
183 NOV 7 1968

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 11)
- 2 - Atlanta (Encl. 1)
- 2 - Philadelphia (Encl. 1)
- 2 - Baltimore

(REGISTERED MAIL)
(REGISTERED AIR MAIL)
(REGISTERED MAIL)

25 NOV 8

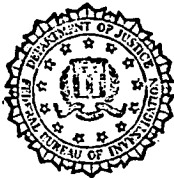
(9) ENCLOSURE b7c

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Sent

Per

ORIGINAL FILED IN 100-442706-970



~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Baltimore, Maryland

October 31, 1968.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF Declassification
DATE 2/8/78 1255

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE

[A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on October 28, 1968, ⁷²⁴ that Ralph David Abernathy arrived in Baltimore, Maryland, from Atlanta, Georgia, on October 27, 1968. He went to the Rowntowner Motel where reservations had been made for him. No official business was conducted on Sunday, October 27, 1968. On Monday morning at approximately 9:30 a.m., Abernathy appeared at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) office, where he boarded one of three mule-drawn wagons and began a tour of the city. At approximately 12:00 noon he and other members of SCLC appeared at the Mondawmin Shopping Center.

Abernathy conducted a news conference on the same date, at which time he endorsed Hubert H. Humphrey for President of the United States.

At a mass rally at the Shiloh Baptist Church at 8:00 p.m., Abernathy addressed approximately 300 persons, where he labeled George Wallace and Richard Nixon as racists. At approximately 1:30 a.m., October 29, 1968, Abernathy left Baltimore for Philadelphia, with Andrew Young of the SCLC National Staff.

9-19-80
CLASSIFIED AND
EXTENDED BY
REASON FOR EXTENSION 2
100-442706
DATE FOR
DECLASSIFICATION 10/31/88

DECLASSIFIED BY
N 11/29/77

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

100-442706

ENCLOSURE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/23/69

Attached relates to anonymous telephone call in Bristol, Tennessee, threatening to kill Ralph Abernathy if he makes speech in unknown North Carolina town 3/23/69. Caller identified self as one of four "Minutemen." Numerous racing fans in Bristol to attend stock car race 3/23/69.

Atlanta Police Department and North Carolina sources advise Abernathy has plans to appear in North Carolina for any speeches in the future.

Copies of attached sent to Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department and local police advised.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

FBI WASH DC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 22 1969

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

FBI KNOXVLE

807PM URGENT 3/22/69

TO DIRECTOR, CHARLOTTE AND ATLANTA
FROM KNOXVILLE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 1-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (FOUR); ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE DR.

RALPH ABERNATHY, MARCH TWENTYTHREE, NINETEEN SIXTYNINE. RACIAL
MATTERS.

[REDACTED] BRISTOL, TENN., RECEIVED ANONYMOUS
TELEPHONE CALL SIX ZERO FIVE P.M. TODAY, ADVISING DR. RALPH
ABERNATHY IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE A SPEECH IN N. C., TOWN NOT
SPECIFIED, MARCH TWENTYTHREE, NEXT. THE CALLER WHO HAD A NORTHERN
ACCENT INDICATED HE WAS ONE OF FOUR MINUTEMEN WHO WERE TO SHOOT

DR. ABERNATHY IF HE MADE THE SPEECH WHICH RELATES TO A TRIAL WHICH
DR. ABERNATHY'S ORGANIZATION IS OPPOSING. CALLER GAVE NO FURTHER
DETAILS REGARDING THE TRIAL. HE TOLD [REDACTED] HE WOULD NOT
PARTICIPATE IN ASSASSINATION BUT THE OTHER THREE MEN WOULD GO
THROUGH WITH PLOT.

[REDACTED] MADE EFFORTS TO HAVE CALLER IDENTIFY HIMSELF BUT
HE REFUSED TO DO SO.

FOR INFORMATION, SOUTHEASTERN FIVEHUNDRED "NACAR" STOCK CAR
RACE BEING HELD BRISTOL, MARCH TWENTYTHREE, NEXT, AND NUMEROUS
RACING FANS IN BRISTOL FOR THIS EVENT.

CHARLOTTE NOTIFY LOCAL POLICE.

NOT BEING SUBMITTED, UACB.

Unless Advised To the Contrary by Bureau
100-442706-68

REC-128

END

3 MAR 28 1969

55 APR 15 1969 DOM 836 9&D

FBI WASH DC

CC-2014

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 26 1969

TELETYPE

b7c

12:01

AM URGENT 3/26/69

TO : DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM : ATLANTA L57-257

b7c

RALPH D. ABERNATHY

RACIAL MATTER

INFORMATION AVAILABLE NITE OF MARCH TWENTY FIVE, SIXTY

NINE INDICATES RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT SCLC, DE-
PARTED ATLANTA VIA AIR LATE MARCH TWENTY FIVE ENROUTE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE [REDACTED]

FURTHER DETAILS NOT KNOWN.

END

SVM

FBI WASH DC

REC 22

100-442706-69

MAR 27 1969

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-94 BY [REDACTED]

b7c

CC- [REDACTED]
59 APR 3 1969

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sullivan _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

WCS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

APR 3 1969

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI ATLANTA

950A EST URGENT 4/3/69

TO DIRECTOR 100-442706 AND NEW YORK
FROM ATLANTA

RALPH D. ABERNATHY. RACIAL MATTERS

RELIABLE INFO AVAILABLE TO ATLANTA ON NIGHT OF APR. TWO,
'SIXTYNINE, INDICATED RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRES., SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), AND ANDREW J. YOUNG,
EXECUTIVE VICE PRES., SCLC, ON MARCH THIRTYONE, 'SIXTYNINE,
WHILE IN NEW YORK CITY, PARTICIPATED IN RECORDED INTERVIEWS
WHICH WILL BE BROADCAST APRIL FOUR, 'SIXTYNINE, ON THE
"TODAY SHOW".

END

CKG

FBI WASH DC

@

XEROX

APR 1969

CC- MR. SULLIVAN

REC-113

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

70
12 APR 8 1969

b7c

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

APR 7 1969

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

b7c
FBI ATLANTA

7:15 PM URGENT 4/7/69

TO DIRECTOR 100-442706 AND CHICAGO
FROM SAC, ATLANTA 157-257

0
RALPH D. ABERNATHY. RM

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

b7c
b7D
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SOURCE COULD FURNISH

NO FURTHER DETAILS.

END

ERT

FBI WASH DC

P

REC 44

100-442706-71

12 APR 10 1969

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

b7c

5' [REDACTED]

b7c
APR 15 1969

3/28/69

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-6670D)
SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
IS - C
(COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)

7-15-92

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 9-29-80 BY [REDACTED]

On 3/20/69, WFO advised of receipt of information from an informant that JAMES BEVEL had recently asked RALPH D. ABERNATHY to step aside as President of SCLC and that ABERNATHY was increasingly fearful of assassination.

The 3/18/69, issue of The Atlanta Journal carried an article by JACK NELSON of the Los Angeles Times News Service referring to an interview with RALPH D. ABERNATHY. This article refers to ABERNATHY's position as President of SCLC being shaky and Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. taking a more active role in the organization which implied that Mrs. KING would replace ABERNATHY.

In response to the above article, ABERNATHY sent a telegram to the Los Angeles Times News Service and at the same time sending a copy of the telegram to the Atlanta Journal, which telegram was published in the Atlanta Journal on 3/21/69. In the telegram ABERNATHY refers to gross errors of fact and incorrect opinions in NELSON's article and emphatically denied saying anything to NELSON remotely suggesting his leadership as President of SCLC needed solidifying or that it was shaky. ABERNATHY further stated that reports of dissension in SCLC were malicious rumors and deliberate attempts to bring about division between him and Mrs. KING.

3 - Bureau (RM)

4 - Atlanta

(2 - 100-6670D)

(1 - 157-257) (RALPH D. ABERNATHY)

(1 - 100-6351) (CORETTA KING)

100-442706 -

NOT RECORDED
191 APR 15 1969

51 APR 15 1969

b2
b7c
b7D

[REDACTED]

As the Bureau is aware, periodically various offices advise Atlanta of receipt of anonymous threats against the life of ABERNATHY. In the past Atlanta has not furnished such information directly to ABERNATHY, but has followed the policy of immediately passing the information on to an appropriate official of the Atlanta Police Department, who in turn advises ABERNATHY. This policy was established several years ago, when MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was President of SCLC, due to the fact KING was traveling extensively and was not cooperative when efforts were made to locate him in Atlanta for the purpose of advising him of threats against his life.

It now appears that some advantage may be gained by changing the existing policy of informing ABERNATHY regarding receipt of information relating to threats against his life. It is felt that by notifying ABERNATHY directly upon receipt of information relating to threats against his life, some rapport may be developed with him at this particular time when the possibility exists of him being concerned about his possible assassination as well as his position as President of SCLC being shaky and the possible taking over of his position by Mrs. CORETTA KING.

Another strong factor of a counter intelligence nature to consider in changing the existing policy to notify ABERNATHY directly would be the disruptive effect of confusing and worrying him by reminding him of continuous threats against his life.

It is recommended that in the future upon receipt of such information, Atlanta notify ABERNATHY directly and in turn notify appropriate officials of the Atlanta Police Department.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

FROM : MR. G. C. MOORE *h*

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
IS - COMMUNIST

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Bishop

DATE: April 9, 1969

1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - [REDACTED]

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

INTERNAL SECURITY

To recommend that Atlanta be authorized to personally advise Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the SCLC, of threats to his life.

Because of the unsavory character, the arrogance, and the uncooperative attitude of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., the policy was established in connection with threats to King's life to advise the police department which in turn would advise King of information received from Bureau sources concerning threats to his life.

This policy has been continued with regard to Abernathy, King's successor.

Atlanta has recommended that this policy be altered and that Abernathy be told, as would any other intended victim in such a threat, concerning threats to his life. It feels that some rapport may be developed with Abernathy during such personal contacts. Abernathy's position as head of the SCLC is currently in some jeopardy and he is concerned over the possibility of his assassination, making the probability of his cooperating with the Bureau more likely. Even if this is not realized, there would be a disruptive effect upon his leadership by contacts with him by the Bureau concerning these threats.

RECOMMENDATION:

100-442706-51
NOT RECORDED
191 APR 15 1969

That the attached airtel be sent to Atlanta.

Enclosure *b7c*

100-438784-77-15-42

(7) ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 9-29-80 BY [REDACTED]

1 - [REDACTED]

4/14/69 b7c

Airtel

b7c

To: SAC, Atlanta (100-6670D)
From: Director, FBI (100-442706-
(100-438794)

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
RACIAL MATTERS; IS - C

Reurairtel 3/28/69.

I do not concur with your recommendation that Ralph D. Abernathy be directly notified of threats to his life. Continue to notify the police who in turn will notify Abernathy as has been the policy.

b7c

(4)

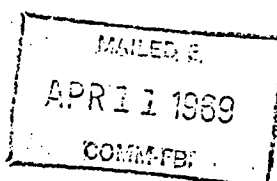
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 9-23-80 BY [REDACTED]
7-15-92 [REDACTED]

NOTE:

b7c

See memorandum Moore to Sullivan, 4/9/69, [REDACTED]

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____



b7c

51 APR 15 1969

MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

b7c

F B I

Date: 4/9/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

TO: b7c DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: W/ [REDACTED] ATLANTA (157-257)

SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTERRe Atlanta teletype to Bureau, 4/9/69, captioned
as above.Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and seven
copies of an LHM and for each other recipient one copy of
LHM.Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [REDACTED]
information from whom must be classified confidential.

Source utilized to characterize [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]

ENCLOSURE

- ② Bureau (Encs. 8) (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Charlotte (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Columbia (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 3 - Atlanta
(1 - 157-257)

REC-64

100-442706-72
20 APR 12 1969

AGENCY: ACSI, [REDACTED], OSI; SEC. SER: RA [REDACTED]

DATE FOR: [REDACTED]

HOW FOR: [REDACTED]

BY: [REDACTED]

Approved: [REDACTED]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____



*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

April 9, 1969

Title RALPH D. ABERNATHY

Character RACIAL MATTER

Reference Memorandum prepared at Atlanta,
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

April 10, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTER

b7c
b7D
([REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Source was unable to furnish any
further details regarding the above.

DECLASSIFIED BY [REDACTED] b7c
ON 7-15-92

This document contains neither recommendations nor
conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and
is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be
distributed outside your agency.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

ENCLOSURE

100-1142706-72

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- ☒ Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

Section 552Section 552a☐ (b)(1)☐ (b)(7)(A)☐ (d)(5)☐ (b)(2)☐ (b)(7)(B)☐ (j)(2)☐ (b)(3)☒ (b)(7)(C)☐ (k)(1)☒ (b)(7)(D)☐ (k)(2)☐ (b)(7)(E)☐ (k)(3)☐ (b)(7)(F)☐ (k)(4)☐ (b)(4)☐ (b)(8)☐ (k)(5)☐ (b)(5)☐ (b)(9)☐ (k)(6)☐ (b)(6)☐ (k)(7)

- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- ☐ Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s): _____

- ☐ For your information: _____

- ☐ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

100-442706-72 (Enclosure-pg 2)

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 X DELETED PAGE(S) X
 X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
 X FOR THIS PAGE X
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI

Date: 4/10/69

CODE

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE

URGENT

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, ATLANTA

FROM: SAC, WFO

RALPH D. ABERNATHY. RACIAL MATTER DASH BLACK NATIONALIST.

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: ATLANTA.

ON APRIL TEN, INSTANT, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (AU), WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC) AT FOUR P.M., APRIL ELEVEN, NEXT. SPEECH SCHEDULED TO BE DELIVERED IN WOODS DASH BROWN OUTDOOR THEATER. IN CASE OF RAIN, SPEECH TO BE GIVEN IN QUOTE NEW LECTURE HALL ENDQUOTE. BOTH LOCATIONS ON THE AU CAMPUS.

INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, WDC, UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, AND INTERESTED MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES ADVISED

2 - Bureau
3 - Teletype Unit
2 - WFO (157-1654)

Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

M

Per _____

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)WFO 157-1654
PAGE TWOADMINISTRATIVESOURCE IS [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] b7DAN ESTABLISHED SOURCE WHOSE IDENTITY IS CONCEALED PER HIS
REQUEST.WFO WILL PROVIDE SOURCE COVERAGE OF SPEECH BY
ABERNATHY.

LHM FOLLOWS.

CLASSIFIED QUOTE ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ENDQUOTE TO PROTECT
SOURCE. P.b7c
[REDACTED]
ROOM 836 9&D
Y-TRICApproved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

APR 9 1969

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sullivan ☒ _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

FBI WASH DC

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-18-92 BY [redacted]

FBI ATLANTA

1125 AM URGENT 4/9/69

TO DIRECTOR(100-442706), , BIRMINGHAM, CHARLOTTE, AND COLUMBIA
FROM ATLANTA 157-257

RALPH D. ABERNATHY RM

8-20-92

SOURCE UNABLE TO FURNISH FURTHER DETAILS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

ABOVE INFORMATION CLASSIFIED ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~. LHM FOLLOWING

END

BJP

APR 22 1969
FBI WASH DC

17 APR 15 1969

ROOM 836 9&D

FBI

Date: 4/11/69

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS ATLANTA AND BALTIMORE

FROM: SAC, WFO

DECLASSIFIED BY

ON 8-20-92

b7c

RALPH D. ABERNATHY, RACIAL MATTER DASH BLACK
NATIONALIST.

ON APRIL ELEVEN, INSTANT, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS
FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT
RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC) WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON,
D.C. (WDC) ON APRIL ELEVEN, INSTANT, TO SPEAK BEFORE A STUDENT
GROUP AT THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (AU). SOURCE FURTHER
STATED THAT ABERNATHY WAS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY ANDY YOUNG,
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, SCLC, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK
ON THE EVENING OF APRIL ELEVEN, INSTANT, AT A MEMORIAL DINNER

2 - Bureau
3 - Teletype Unit
2 - WFO (157-1654)

(7)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-14-92 BY [redacted]

REC-38 100-442706-75

APR 15 15 44 1969

EX 100

17 APR 16 1969

56 APR 22 1969

Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)WFO 157-1654
PAGE TWO

FOR THE LATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., TO BE HELD AT THE CEDAR LANE UNITARIAN CHURCH, BETHESDA, MARYLAND. SOURCE FURTHER STATED DINNER SPONSORED BY AN ANTI-POVERTY GROUP OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, KNOWN AS QUOTE POMCO ENDQUOTE.

ON APRIL ELEVEN, INSTANT, A SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT ABERNATHY HAD APPEARED ON THE AU CAMPUS AS SCHEDULED. HIS SPEECH INCLUDED A LETTER, WHICH HE READ, WHICH HE STATED HE HAD SENT TO PRESIDENT NIXON. THE LETTER CONCERNED POVERTY, WAR, AND RACISM. HE CALLED ON NIXON TO FEED THOSE POOR WITH ANNUAL INCOMES OF LESS THAN THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS, INCREASE WELFARE SYSTEM, TO END WAR IN VIETNAM, AND TO ABOLISH THE DRAFT. HE SAID TIME IS RUNNING OUT AND THAT PEOPLE ARE IMPATIENT AND WHILE YOU, (NIXON) FIDDLE, THE COUNTRY, LIKE ROME, WILL BURN.

HE SAID STUDENTS AT AU MUST FIGHT FOR THEIR RIGHTS AS

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)

WFO 157-1654

PAGE THREE

RIGHTS WON'T BE GIVEN TO THEM ON A SILVER PLATTER. HE INFORMED THEM HE WILL SEE MANY OF THEM AGAIN EITHER IN MISSISSIPPI OR WDC. ABERNATHY STATED THE SECOND CHAPTER OF THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN WILL COME WHEN HE RETURNS TO WDC, HOWEVER, HE DID NOT ANNOUNCE ANY SPECIFIC TIME FOR HIS RETURN. THE APPEARANCE WAS CONCLUDED WITHOUT INCIDENT. ABERNATHY'S REMARKS WERE WELL RECEIVED BY STUDENT GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY SEVEN HUNDRED. SOURCE ADDED ABERNATHY PLANS TO REMAIN IN WDC OVERNIGHT AND DEPART A.M. APRIL TWELVE NEXT, DESTINATION UNKNOWN.

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, AND INTERESTED MILITARY AGENCIES ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE WFO TEL TO DIRECTOR AND SAC ATLANTA APRIL TEN LAST.

b2
b7C
b7D FIRST SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

SECOND SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

LHM FOLLOWS. CLASSIFIED ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ TO PROTECT SOURCES. P.

XEROX-1014
[REDACTED] b7C
ROOM 836 9&D

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

APR 17 1969

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI DETROIT

1:45 PM URGENT 4-17-69

TO DIRECTOR, AND ATLANTA
FROM DETROIT (157-)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 2-13-92 BY [REDACTED]

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sullivan _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

SPEAKING APPEARANCE OF REV. RALPH ABERNATHY AT EASTERN
MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN, APRIL SEVENTEEN
INSTANT, RM

SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT REV.
RALPH ABERNATHY SCHEDULED TO APPEAR FOR SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT
AT EIGHT PM THIS DATE AT EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, (EMU)
YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN. HE IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE VIA AMERICAN
AIRLINES AT FIVE ZERO NINE PM, THIS DATE, DETROIT METROPOLITAN
AIRPORT, PRESUMABLY FROM ATLANTA. SPEECH BEING GIVEN AT
TEASE AUDITORIUM, EMU. SPONSORED BY EMU RELIGIONS AFFAIRS COUNCIL.

USA, G-TWO AND SECRET SERVICE, ALL DETROIT, ADVISED
ADMINISTRATIVE:

SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

DETROIT COVERING. MSP CONDUCTING FISUR DURING MICHIGAN

VISIT. LHM WILL BE SUBMITTED.

END.

PGH

FBI WASH DC 1969

ROOM 836 9&D

REC-64

PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE 2 APR 18 1969

67c

5-113 (1-10-61)

Domestic Intelligence Division

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

Date 1/11/69

Attached states that Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, spoke to about 700 students at American University in Washington, D. C., on 4/11/69. He called on the President of the U.S. to feed the poor, end the war in Vietnam, and abolish the draft.

Copy of attached furnished Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department and pertinent portions will be included in a summary teletype to the White House and other interested Government agencies.

[REDACTED]

b7c

F B I

Date: 4/16/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1654) (RUC)
 RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
 RM
 (OO: AT)

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for Atlanta 2 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above which contains information re speech of ABERNATHY delivered on the American University (AU) campus on 4/11/69.

Enclosed LHM is classified "Confidential" as it contains information from confidential sources whose identities must be protected.

The first confidential source mentioned is _____

_____ an established source of WFO and whose identity is concealed per his request.

ENCLOSURE

- 2- Bureau (Enc. 11)
- 2- Atlanta (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 7- WFO
 - (1- 100-42300) (SCLC)
 - (1- _____)
 - (1- 100-47754) (STUDENT AGITATION AT AU)
 - (1- _____)
 - (1- _____)
 - (1- 157-2294) (POCAM-1969)

AGENCY: ACSI; _____, OST; SEC. SER:

DATE: _____

HOW FORN: _____

BY: _____

Sent _____

Per _____

Approved: _____

55 APR 24 1969 Special Agent in Charge

100-442706-1

WFO 157-1654

The second source mentioned is [REDACTED]

The third source is [REDACTED]

WFO has disseminated enclosed LHM locally to the Secret Service, AUSA, WDC, and interested military intelligence agencies.



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D.C. 20535

April 16, 1969

CONFIDENTIAL

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

On April 10, 1969, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Atlanta, Georgia, was scheduled to speak at the American University (AU), Washington, D.C. (WDC), at 4:00 p.m., on April 11, 1969. The speech was scheduled to be given in the Woods-Brown Outdoor Theater and in the event of rain, in the "New Lecture Hall." According to the source, both locations are on the AU campus.

A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 11, 1969, that Abernathy appeared at AU as scheduled. The topic of his speech, which was delivered in the Woods-Brown Outdoor Theater, was "Racism." The arrangements for the program were made by Dr. Brady Tyson, an AU professor.

7-15-92
b7C
70-14-86
FOIPA # 253,495
CONFIDENTIAL

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

COPIES DESTROYED

286 JAN 5 1971

100-2761

77

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

CONFIDENTIAL

The program started at approximately 4:00 p.m., upon the arrival of Abernathy; Walter Fauntroy, former Vice-Chairman of the District of Columbia City Council and WDC SCLC affiliate; Stony Cocks, who was introduced as SCLC campus organizer; and Tyson.

A third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Abernathy began his talk by thanking the AU students and faculty for making it possible for him to be there to speak on racism. Abernathy stated that without students there could not have been any civil rights struggle. Abernathy continued that the Kerner Report accepted the fact that racism exists in this country and he stated a great danger in the United States lies in appointing commissions to study and analyze matters that have been studied and analysed already. Abernathy stated there are too many reports and analysis that waste time before action is taken. He indicated that unless young people get to work now, the nation will be bogged down with the paralysis of analysis.

Abernathy then read an open letter to President Nixon. Among the matters mentioned in the letter was the statement by Abernathy that he had launched the second chapter of the Poor People's Campaign. He stated he expects to return to WDC with the Poor People and that he will make a report on the first day of the anniversary of the Poor People's Campaign. He stated the report will be submitted to the President and other government agencies. He further stated "we" will start in Birmingham, Alabama, and move to different parts of the nation.

CONFIDENTIAL

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

CONFIDENTIAL

In the open letter to the President, Abernathy made the following demands:

1. Feed the poor who make less than \$3000 per year.
2. A more generous welfare system.
3. Control of prices on food and other necessities of life.
4. Provide jobs and training for those in need.
5. An end of the war in Vietnam.
6. Abolishment of the current draft system.

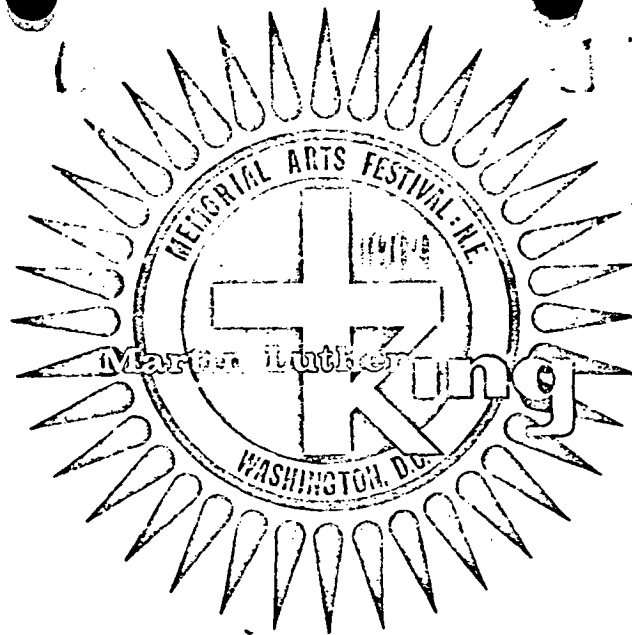
Abernathy concluded his open letter by stating that he hoped that, like Rome, you (the President) won't be fiddling while the nation burns.

According to the second confidential source mentioned above, Abernathy ended his speech by telling the audience he hoped to see them again this summer either on the battlegrounds of Alabama or in WDC.

The second source further stated that Abernathy's remarks were well received by the estimated 700 people in attendance and that the meeting ended without incident. Leaflets were distributed at the gathering one of which was captioned, "Memorial Arts Festival: N.E., Washington, D.C. MARTIN LUTHER KING". A copy of this leaflet is attached to this memorandum.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

CONFIDENTIAL



APRIL 21 - 26

MONDAY THE 21ST

ecumenical JAZZ service

Our Saviour Episcopal Church, 1616 Irving, N.E.

TUESDAY THE 22ND

ienesco play: EXIT THE KING

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1725 Michigan, N.E.

WEDNESDAY THE 23RD

**commemorative CHORAL service
(church choirs)**

Isle of Patmos Baptist Church, 12th & Rhode Island, N.E.

THURSDAY THE 24TH

FOLK-ROCK liturgy

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, R. I. & N. Capitol, N.E.

FRIDAY THE 25TH

(Rossellini's) film —

"The Gospel According to St. Matthew"

First Church of Christ (Holiness), 1219 Hamlin, N.E.

ALL EVENTS at 8:00 P.M.

SATURDAY THE 26TH

**12 to 9 p.m. ART EXHIBIT - HOBBYS
- FOLK ARTS - PERFORMING ARTS**

Brookland United Methodist, 14th & Lawrence, N.E.

and St. Anthony's Roman Catholic, 12th & Monroe, N.E.

EXTRA - COFFEE HOUSE

THURS. — FRI. — SAT. NIGHTS

Brookland United Methodist, 14th & Lawrence, N.E.

FREE ENTERTAINMENT

9:00 - 12:00 P.M.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Date: 4/22/69

Transmit the following in _____ CODE _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, SAC COLUMBIA, SAC, ATLANTA

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1654)

RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTER
(OO:AT)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [redacted]

ON APRIL TWENTY TWO INSTANT A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO
HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT
RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC) ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC) ON APRIL
TWENTY TWO INSTANT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EXECUTIVE STAFF
MEETING OF THE SCLC SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN WDC ON THAT DATE.

[redacted]
[redacted] FUTURE
ITINERARY OF ABERNATHY IN [redacted]

ADMINISTRATIVE: IF ITINERARY DEVELOPED, BUREAU AND

INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED. WDC METROPOLITAN POLICE

(2) Bureau

3-Teletype Unit

3-WFO

(1-100-42300) (SCLC)

(8)

12 APR 24 1969

APR 24 1969

Special Agent in Charge

Sent
MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

Per

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via _____
(Priority)

WFO 157-1654
PAGE TWO

DEPARTMENT, SECRET SERVICE AND INTERESTED MILITARY AGENCIES

b7c
b7D

HAVE BEEN ADVISED. SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

RUC.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

CC- MR. SULLIVAN + IDIU

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

APR 25 1969

TELETYPE

b7c

FBI WASH DC

FBI ATLANTA

10:50 AM URGENT 4-25-69

TO BUREAU, BIRMINGHAM, BOSTON, CHARLOTTE, AND COLUMBIA
FROM ATLANTA

RALPH D. ABERNATHY. RM.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [redacted]

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

b7c

ADMINISTRATIVE: BUREAU FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH FOUR FOUR
TWO SEVEN ZERO SIX. ATLANTA FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH TWO
FIVE SEVEN.

LHM FOLLOWS.

END

KJD

MAY 2 1969 ROOM 836 9&D

APR 29 1969

REC-114

100-442706-79

5
b7c

F B I

Date: April 28, 1969

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257) (P)

SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RMALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-99 BY [REDACTED]
334,459

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, 4/25/69, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 8 copies, and for Birmingham, Boston, Charlotte, and Columbia, one copy each of LHM.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [REDACTED] information from whom must be classified confidential.

AGENCY: ACSI, OSI; SEC. SER:

DATE FORW:

HOW FORW:

BY:

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
 1 - Birmingham (Enc. 1) (RM) (Info.)
 1 - Boston (Enc. 1) (RM) (Info.)
 1 - Charlotte (Enc. 1) (RM) (Info.)
 1 - Columbia (Enc. 1) (RM) (Info.)
 4 - Atlanta
 (2 - 157-257) (R. Abernathy)
 (1 - 5718) (SCLC)

(10)

REC-31

100-442706-80

MAY 30 1969

MAY 17 1969

Approved: [REDACTED]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____



*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

April 28, 1969

Title RALPH D. ABERNATHY

Character RACIAL MATTER

Reference Atlanta memorandum, dated and captioned
as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Atlanta, Georgia

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

April 28, 1969

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTER

(1)
b7D
[REDACTED]

b7C
[REDACTED]
DECLASSIFIED BY
ON 7-15-92
334,459

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI.
It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its
contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
Group I
Excluded From Automatic
Downgrading and Declassification

- 1* -

COPIES DESTROYED
286 JAN 5 1971

ENCLOSURE

100-442706 -80

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 6 1969

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

b7c FBI JACKSVLE

334459

5:37 PM EST 5/6/69 URGENT

TO: BUREAU

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (157-NEW)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

SPEECH OF DR. RALPH ABERNATHY, CHAIRMAN OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE, FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, MAY EIGHT,
NINETEEN SIXTYNINE. RACIAL MATTERS

b7c
b7D [REDACTED] FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY,
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, ADVISED MAY SIX, NINETEEN SIXTYNINE, THAT DR.
RALPH ABERNATHY, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC), IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT EIGHT PM, MAY EIGHT, NINE-
TEEN SIXTYNINE, AT WESTCOTT AUDITORIUM, FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY. ABER-
NATHY WAS INVITED TO SPEAK AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY BY TAU KAPPA
EPSILON FRATERNITY AS PART OF AN "IMPACT" LECTURE SERIES. b7c

b7c
b7D [REDACTED] ADVISED HE DID NOT EXPECT ANY VIOLENCE IN CONNEC-
TION WITH ABERNATHY'S SPEECH. REC-64 100-442706-81

SOURCE NUMBER ONE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE
PAST ADVISED MAY SIX, NINETEEN SIXTYNINE, THAT HE KNEW OF NO SPECIFIC
ARRANGEMENTS BY NEGRO LEADERS IN TALLAHASSEE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY
SPEECH PLANNED BY DR. ABERNATHY AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY ON MAY EIGHT,

ENCLOSURE MAY 19 1969

PG TWO

NINETEEN SIXTYNINE. SOURCE NUMBER ONE ADVISED THAT ABERNATHY HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN A STRIKE AT CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, RECENTLY AND MAY NOT BE ABLE TO COME TO TALLAHASSEE.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, TALLAHASSEE, ARE COGNIZANT.

ADMINISTRATIVE

67C
67D
L
SOURCE NUMBER ONE IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LIAISON SOURCE; BY REQUEST.

COLUMBIA AND ATLANTA ADVISE IF INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT ABERNATHY TO TRAVEL TO TALLAHASSEE.

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

JACKSONVILLE WILL FOLLOW AND ADVISE.

END

CKG

FBI WASH DC

67C
MR. [REDACTED]
ROOM 836 9&D

COPY SENT:

IDIU

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI WASH DC

FBI JACKSVLE

4:04 PM 5-8-69 URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (100-442706) (157-8428)

ATLANTA (157-257) AND COLUMBIA

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (157-1838) 2P

RALPH D. ABERNATHY. RACIAL MATTERS.

POOR PEOPLES CAMPAIGN, NINETEEN SIXTYNINE. RACIAL MATTERS.

A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN
THE PAST, ADVISED ON MAY EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTYNINE, HE HAD
BEEN INFORMED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT DOCTOR
RALPH ABERNATHY HAD CANCELLED HIS SCHEDULED APPEARANCE TO
SPEAK AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY ON MAY EIGHT, NINETEEN
SIXTYNINE. DOCTOR ABERNATHY, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAD ADVISED HE WAS STAYING AT CHARLESTON, SOUTH
CAROLINA, AND MADE NO FURTHER EXPLANATION OF THE REASONS
FOR THE CANCELLATION.

END PAGE ONE

56 MAY 20 1969

5 MAY 13 1969

JK 157-1838

PAGE TWO

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED MAY EIGHT, INSTANT,
CAPTIONED AS ABOVE, AND JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED
MAY SIX, LAST, CAPTIONED "SPEECH OF DR. RALPH ABERNATHY,
CHAIRMAN OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE,
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, MAY EIGHT,
NINETEEN SIXTYNINE. RACIAL MATTERS."

SOURCE IS [REDACTED] A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE [REDACTED]

67C
67D

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED. 44

END

CXB

FBI WASH DC

COPY SENT:

IDIU

67C
ROOM 836 9&D

F B I

Date: 5/9/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sullivan _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RM
Atlanta File 157-257
Bufile 100-442706

POCAM, 1969
RM

Atlanta File 157-2924
Bufile 157-8428

AGENCY: ACSE, ~~AM~~, OSI; SEC. SER:

DATE: 5/14/69

BY: [REDACTED]

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau 5/8/69, captioned
as above and Mobile teletype to Bureau, 5/7/69, captioned
"DEMONSTRATIONS AT ALABAMA STATE COLLEGE, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA,
3/29/69 - 4/8/69, RM".

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight
copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination, and for each
other recipient two copies of LHM.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [REDACTED]
information from whom must be classified confidential 15 1969

- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 9) (RM)
- 2 - Boston (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Columbia (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Jacksonville (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Mobile (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 2 - New York (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 2 - WFO (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 4 - Atlanta

- (1 - 157-257)
- (1 - 157-2924)
- (1 - [REDACTED])

54 MAY 22 1969

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT
WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

BY AND COPY OF ENCL FILED IN



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

May 9, 1969

Title RALPH D. ABERNATHY;
 POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN, 1969

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Memorandum from FBI, Atlanta,
 dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

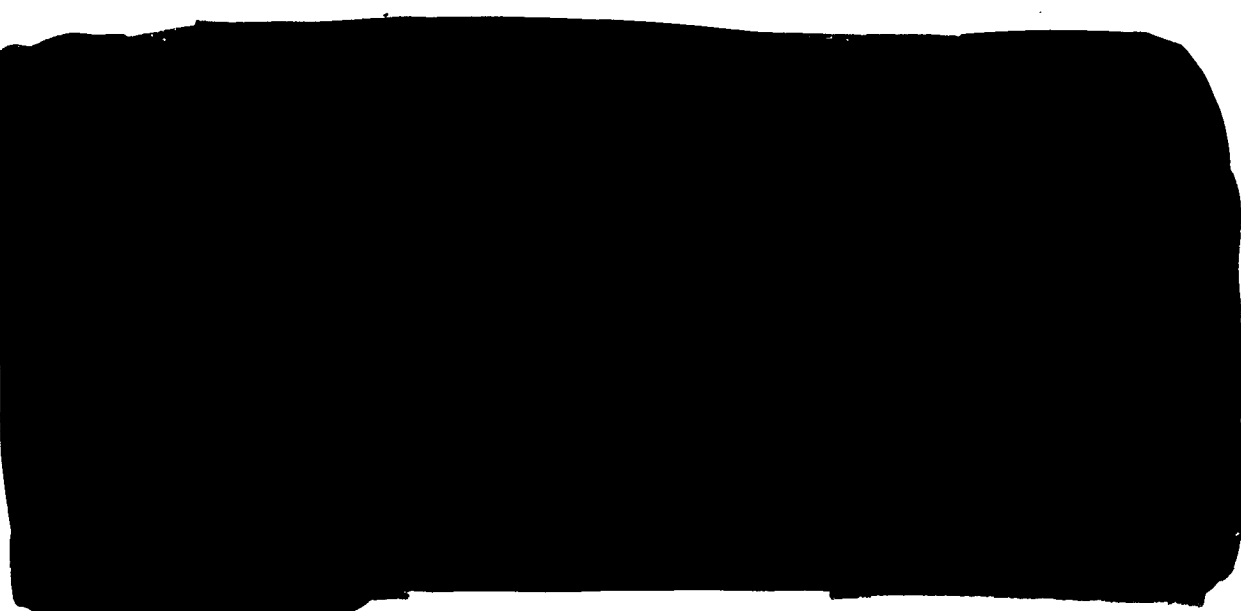
May 9, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTERS

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN,
1969
RACIAL MATTERS



b7c
b7D

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED ON 10-7-86

7-15-92

b7c

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

100-442706-83
ENCLOSURE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RALPH D. ABERNATHY

b7D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FBI WASH DC*

FBI ATLANTA

1:42 PM URGENT 5/8/69

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 8 1969

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO DIRECTOR, FBI; COLUMBIA; JACKSONVILLE; MOBILE; AND WFO
FROM ATLANTA

RALPH D. ABERNATHY

RACIAL MATTER

ATLANTA FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH TWO ~~FIVE SEVEN~~
BUFILE ONE ZERO ZERO DASH FOUR FOUR TWO SEVEN ZERO SIX

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

NINETEEN SIXTYNINE

RACIAL MATTER

ATLANTA FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH TWO NINE TWO TWO FOUR

BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH EIGHT FOUR TWO EIGHT

REC-121

[REDACTED]

END PAGE ONE
TELETYPE TO MAY 22 1969
WFO

XEROX

MAY 21 1969

b7c 5

PAGE TWO

[REDACTED]

b7c
b7D

SOURCE COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DETAILS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

REFERENCE MOBILE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY SEVEN SIXTYNINE, CAPTIONED
"DEMONSTRATIONS AT ALABAMA STATE COLLEGE, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA,
MARCH TWENTYNINE, SIXTYNINE, DASH APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYNINE, RACIAL
MATTER."

ABOVE INFORMATION ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~.

LHM FOLLOWS.

~~ATLANTA FILE SHOULD BE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH TWO NINE TW O FOUR~~

END.

CKB (C) [REDACTED]

UOM 836 9&D

FBI WASH DC*

TUE

FBI WASH DC

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
FBI

MAY 14 1969

TELETYPE

FBI SANDIEGO

4:59PM URGENT 5-14-69

TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA
FROM SAN DIEGO 157-NEW

RALPH D. ABERNATHY. RM.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sullivan _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

Moore
Wes

67C
67D

[REDACTED] CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL,

THIS ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY A REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (AFL-CIO)
THAT SUBJECT WOULD BE PRESENT AT A RALLY TO ORGANIZE FARM
WORKERS AT CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, MAY EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYNINE.
ESTABLISHED SOURCES WILL COVER RALLY FOR ANY PERTINENT
DEVELOPMENTS.

ATLANTA REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF TRAVEL PLANS OF ABERNATHY
INCLUDE ABOVE RALLY. P.

END

CAB

FBI WASH DC

REC 109

100-442706-85

1 MAY 16 1969

057
[REDACTED] 67C
30 MAY 27 1969

IDIU

F B I

Date: 5/16/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)
 FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-1129) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
 RM

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 5/9/69.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM and to Atlanta and WFO are two copies of LHM.

The source mentioned is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who requested identity be concealed and therefore his information is classified "confidential."

AGENCY: ACSI, ~~CSI~~, OSI; SEC. SER:

DATE FORW: 5/20/69

HOW FORW: [REDACTED]

BY: [REDACTED]

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 0-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

- 100-442706-86
- REG 90
- 100-442706-86
- 20 MAY 17 1969
- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)
 2 - Atlanta (157-257) (Enc. 2) (RM)
 2 - WFO (Enc. 2) (RM)
 2 - Boston

70 MAY 27 1969

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
 Special Agent in Charge



*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts

May 16, 1969

Title RALPH D. ABERNATHY
POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN, 1969

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Boston memorandum dated and
captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.



~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Boston, Massachusetts

May 16, 1969

RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTERS

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN, 1969
RACIAL MATTERS

On May 15, 1969, a confidential source advised that Ralph D. Abernathy arrived at Theodore F. Green Airport, Warwick, Rhode Island, at approximately 6 p.m., May 15, 1969, and after a brief press conference at the airport traveled via rented automobile to the University of Rhode Island at Kingston, Rhode Island. He then appeared at the Keaney Gymnasium at 8 p.m. to address a gathering of approximately 500 people under the University of Rhode Island student lecture series. The substance of his remarks was a request for increased Federal funds to be appropriated for the poor.

Abernathy departed from Kingston, Rhode Island, and the Green Airport, Warwick, Rhode Island, following his lecture to return to Washington, D. C.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

DECLASSIFIED BY [REDACTED] b7c
ON 7-15-92

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

COPIES DESTROYED

286 JAN 5 1971

- 1* -

ENCLOSURE

100-443706-86

VIA TELETYPE
MAY 15
ENCIPHERED

PARAPHRASE IF DISSEMINATED

Mr. Tolson_____
Mr. DeLoach_____
Mr. Mohr_____
Mr. Bishop_____
Mr. Casper_____
Mr. Callahan_____
Mr. Conrad_____
Mr. Felt_____
Mr. Gale_____
Mr. Rosen_____
Mr. Sullivan ☒
Mr. Tavel_____
Mr. Trotter_____
Tele. Room_____
Miss Holmes_____
Miss Gandy_____

R-16

URGENT 5-15-69

TO DIRECTOR AND SAN DIEGO
FROM ATLANTA

RALPH D. ABERNATHY. RACIAL MATTERS.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL TO BUREAU, MAY ONE FOUR, SIX NINE.

AS OF THIS DATE, ATLANTA NOT AWARE OF ANY PLANS ON PART OF
ABERNATHY TO BE PRESENT IN CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, MAY ONE EIGHT,
SIX NINE.

RECEIVED 11:52 AM RMC

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

REC-114

100-442706-87

3 MAY 20 1969

85
51 JUN 2 1969

ROOM 836 9&D

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 19 1969

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI WASH DC

FBI SANDIEGO

105

PM 5-19-69 URGENT

TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA

FROM SAN DIEGO 157-1049 RUC

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

RALPH D. ABERNATHY, RM, OO: ATLANTA

REMYTEL MAY FOURTEEN LAST AND ATLANTA TEL MAY
FIFTEEN LAST.

SUBJECT ARRIVED BRAWLEY, CALIFORNIA, MAY SIXTEEN
LAST AND DEPARTED BRAWLEY, CALIFORNIA, MAY SEVENTEEN
LAST. WHILE THERE, HE MET WITH THE MARCHERS OF
THE UNITED FARM WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, AFL DASH CIO,
ON MORNING OF MAY SEVENTEEN AND WISHED THEM LUCK IN
OBTAINING THEIR GOALS AND AIMS, THE MARCHERS LEFT
BRAWLEY, CALIFORNIA, ON MORNING OF MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.
NO VIOLENCE OCCURRED NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

END

MKA

FBI WASH DC

REC 37

MAY 20 1969

EX-100

MAY 28 1969

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-15-92 BY [REDACTED]

F B I.

Date: 5/7/69

Transmit the following in 61C
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-4069)

SUBJECT: SPEAKING APPEARANCE OF REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY
AT EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY,
YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN
4/17/69
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies of the LHM are being furnished Atlanta.

The LHM is submitted to report results of a speaking engagement of RALPH ABERNATHY.

The LHM is classified ~~confidential~~ to protect a source of continuing value to the Bureau.

The source utilized was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Michigan State Police, Ypsilanti,
Michigan.

Source advised that he may be able to make available a tape recording of ABERNATHY's speech. If same becomes available, it will be reviewed and if any pertinent information is included, not reported herein, the tape will be transcribed and any pertinent information furnished the Bureau.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)
2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) (RM)
2 - Detroit

AGENCY: ACFT, ~~CNY~~, OSI; SEC. SER:

~~1~~ P.A.O. Low

DATE: 5/14/69

HOW MANY: 2

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

15 MAY 1969



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Detroit, Michigan
May 7, 1969

DECLASSIFIED BY
07-15-92

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 29, 1969, that the Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), spoke at Pease Auditorium on the campus of Eastern Michigan University (EMU), Ypsilanti, Michigan, April 17, 1969.

Abernathy said that the SCLC Board of Directors had unanimously agreed to launch what he called "Chapter Two" of the "Poor People's Campaign" next month. He said that involved would be a "Mother's Day" March, May 11, 1969, in Washington, D.C., and that he anticipated simultaneous marches in selected communities throughout the country. On that occasion, he said he anticipates an address to the nation from a prominent pulpit in Washington, D.C.

He listed as the current demands of the SCLC the following:

Free food stamps for all families earning less than \$3,000.00 per annum.

a. The establishment of uniform national welfare standards.

b. Employment for all persons, with the Federal Government becoming the employer of "last resort".

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
GROUP I

Excluded from Automatic
Downgrading and
Declassification

ENCLOSURE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy

c. Government welfare payments tied to the changing cost of living.

d. The withholding of Federal contracts from any company which practices discrimination.

e. The withholding of Federal funds from any school district maintaining racially segregated schools.

f. An end to the "senseless, unwinable and Godless" war in Vietnam.

Abernathy requested that youth help in demanding that the Kerner Report be implemented immediately. He spoke critically of the fact that it has not been implemented. He referred to the Kerner Report as one of the major documents of this century.

He described as his goal the maintenance of one million jobs in the public sector and another one million jobs in the private sector of the United States for presently unemployed Negroes. He added that another goal is the full implementation of existing anti-discrimination laws in the United States.

Referring to students and student problems, he said that the most serious problem in the United States was the "generation gap". He said that rather than "beating the heads of students, we ought to be teaching all people how to be young". He called on Americans to "come on home" from the "hog-pen" and the "muck and mire" of the Vietnam war. He also spoke critically of the waste of resources in the Outer Space Program.

Reverend Abernathy's speech at EMU was sponsored by the Religious Affairs Council of EMU, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

- 2* -
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SAC, Detroit (157-4069)

May 26, 1969

Director, FBI

100-442706-89

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

SPEAKING APPEARANCE OF REVEREND RALPH
ABERNATHY AT EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY,
YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN
4/17/69

RM

REC-114

Reurairtel 5/7/69.

If the source mentioned in reairtel is able to make available a tape recording of the speech by Ralph Abernathy on 4/17/69, you should make a copy thereof and furnish the copy to the Bureau for its use. If you are able to obtain the original tape recording, you must insure that in handling it you take all necessary steps to insure that its possible value as evidence is not destroyed.

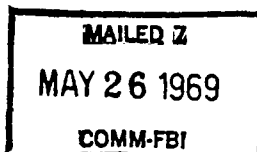
(6)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7/5/99 BY [REDACTED]

NOTE:

In connection with continuing efforts to obtain tape recordings of statements by racial extremists for possible use in conferences and as training material, Detroit is being instructed to furnish to the Bureau a copy of a tape recording made of speech at captioned event.

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____



237

61 JUN 4 1969

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

JUN 6 1969

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI WASH DC

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-16-92 BY [redacted]

b7c
FBI ATLANTA

606 OPM 6/6/69 URGENT

TO DIRECTOR 100-442706 BIRMINGHAM, COLUMBIA, AND MOBILE
FROM ATLANTA 157-257 P

RALPH D. ABERNATHY. RM.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ATLANTA JUNE SIX, SIXTYNINE,

57D REFLECTS [redacted]
[redacted]

END

LCC

FBI WASH DC

REC-38

57c
5
100-442706-90

9 JUN 11 1969

b7c
59 JUN 17 1969
26

F B I

Date: 7/3/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257)

SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RMALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-16-92 BY [REDACTED]

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight
copies of an LHM, and for each other recipient one copy,
captioned as above and suitable for dissemination.

Source referred to in the enclosed LHM is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Information from [REDACTED] must be classified
confidential.

AGENCY: AGCY, G-2, OSI, SEC. SER: REC-59

DATE FORN: [REDACTED] 7/8/69

HOW FORN: [REDACTED]

BY: [REDACTED] 67C-

5 JUL 7 1969

- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 9) (RM)
1 - Chicago (Enc. 1) (RM)
1 - Columbia (Enc. 1) (RM)
1 - New York (Enc. 1) (RM)
1 - WFO (Enc. 1) (RM)
5 - Atlanta
(2 - 157-257) (1 - 100-5718)

100-442706-91

Approved: [Signature]

Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

SECT.



*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Atlanta, Georgia**

July 3, 1969

Title RALPH D. ABERNATHY

Character RACIAL MATTERS

**Reference Memorandum prepared at Atlanta,
dated and captioned as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

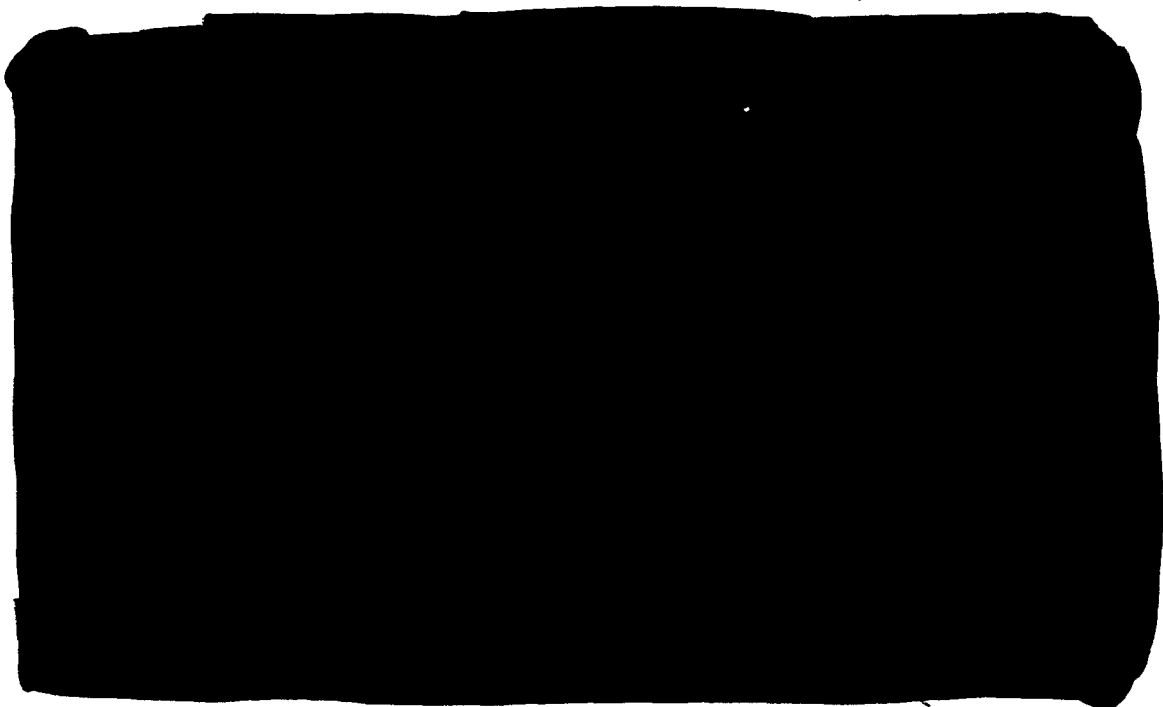
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

July 3, 1969

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTERS



This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

b7c
DECLASSIFIED BY [REDACTED]
ON 7-16-92

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1*

ENCLOSURE

COPIES DESTROYED
286 JAN 5 1971

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

100-442 706-91

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
FBI
JUL 17 1969
TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI ATLANTA

417 PM 7/17/69 URGENT

67C TO DIRECTOR 100-442706 AND NEWARK
FROM ATLANTA 157-257 P

RALPH D. ABERNATHY. RM.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ATLANTA REFLECTS THAT ON MORNING
OF JULY SEVENTEEN, SIXTYNINE, RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT,
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

67D [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FURTHER
DETAILS NOT KNOWN. FOR INFORMATION.

END.

CXB

FBI WASH DC

67C
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-16-92 BY [REDACTED]

REC-110

100-442706-92

JUL 18 1969

T

U

63 JUL 24 1969
ROOM 836 920

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sullivan _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

*0-1 AT 7/30/69
Date and Subject?
wes/est
C.D. [REDACTED]*

F B I

Date: July 24, 1969

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257) (P)

SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RM

b7C- [REDACTED]

b2
b7C
b7D[REDACTED]
Informant was unable to furnish any further details regarding the above.

Foregoing for information.

b7C

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-16-92 BY [REDACTED]2 - Bureau (RM)
3 - Atlanta (2 - 157-257)

REC-41/100-442706-93

EX-111

3 JUL 28 1969

b7C

b2 b7D

b7C

RAC [REDACTED] SECT.

Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

M

Per _____

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-16-92 BY [REDACTED]

July 30, 1969

Airtel

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

To: SACs, Atlanta (157-257)
WFO

REC-41 EX-111

From: Director, FBI (100-442706)-93

RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTERS

ReATAirtel 7/24/69, no copy to Washington Field
Office (WFO).

Referenced airtel indicated that [REDACTED]

WFO discreetly check passport records and attempt
to ascertain [REDACTED]
and any other pertinent information regarding [REDACTED]
contained in the passport file of [REDACTED]

WFO requested to expedite this investigation and
advise the Bureau and Atlanta of results.

(7) -b7C

NOTE: Abernathy is quite vocal on his attacks on the
administration and on society for spending money needlessly
in the midst of poverty. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] it would certainly give a hollow ring to his
utterances. This would be especially interesting information
just prior to the national convention of the Southern Christian
Leadership Conference scheduled to be held in Charleston,
South Carolina, in August, where there are indications that
Abernathy's leadership of that organization may be challenged.

MAILED 11
JUL 29 1969
FBI
Tolson
DeLoach
Mohr
Bishop
Casper
Callahan
Conrad
Felt
Gale
Rosen
Sullivan
Tavel
Trotter
Tele. Room
Holmes
Gandy

7 1969
MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

F B I

Date: 7/31/69

REC-23

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1654) (P)

RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTERSALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-16-92 BY [REDACTED]

Re Bu AT to SACs Atlanta and WFO, 7/30/69.

67C A review of the records of the Passport Office, U.S. Department of State, by SA [REDACTED] failed to disclose a passport file for [REDACTED]. A review of the passport file of [REDACTED] reflects that [REDACTED].

There was no indication in the passport file of [REDACTED] to indicate that [REDACTED].

Passport officials advised that there is currently a 3 to 4 week delay between time of issuance and time of filing of passports due to heavy volume at this time of the year.

WFO will place appropriate stops to facilitate review of passport application of [REDACTED] when available.

ST-105

REC-23

100-442706-94

2-Bureau
2-Atlanta (157-257) (RM)
1-WFO

AUG 4 1969

5)

AUG 13 1969

Approved: [REDACTED]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

M

Per _____

F B I

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-16-92 BY [REDACTED]

Date: 7/30/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-New) (P)
SUBJECT: REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY,
SCLC SPEAKER AT 56TH ANNUAL
MEETING, NATIONAL DENTAL ASSOCIATION,
CINCINNATI, OHIO,
8/3-7/69
KM

Information received that Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY, head of SCLC, will speak at a Civil Rights luncheon to be held during the 56th annual meeting of the National Dental Association, 8/3-7/69 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

67C
67D Cincinnati PD, on 7/22/69 and 7/30/69 advised they expect ABERNATHY as speaker, but that no reservation at hotel has so far been made in his name.

Atlanta requested to endeavor to verify if ABERNATHY will be in Cincinnati as a speaker at above meeting.

3-Bureau Rm
2-Atlanta Rm
3-Cincinnati (2-157-New) ST-106
(1-100-14305) (SCLC)

REC 11

100-442706-95

AUG 1 1969

67C - [REDACTED]

Approved: _____

Sent _____

M

Per _____

AUG 7 1969 Special Agent in Charge

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
FBI

AUG 1 1969

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 1-16-92 BY [redacted]

FBI ATLANTA

908 PM 8-1-69 DEFERRED

TO: DIRECTOR AND CINCINNATI

FROM: ATLANTA (157-257)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY, SCLC SPEAKER AT FIFTY
SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, NATIONAL DENTAL ASSOCIATION,
CINCINNATI, OHIO, AUGUST THREE DASH SEVEN, NINETEEN
SIXTYNINE - RM

RE CINCINNATI AIRTEL TO BUREAU JULY THIRTY,
SIXTYNINE. INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ATLANTA [redacted]

FURTHER DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE.

END

CXB

FBI WASH DC

T

U

ROOM 836 9&D

70 AUG 1 2 1969

IDIU

REC-51

AUG 5 1969

b7c

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/19/69

FROM :

SAC, DETROIT (157-4069) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

SPEAKING APPEARANCE OF REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY
AT EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY,
YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN
4/17/69
RM

Re Detroit airtel to the Bureau, 5/7/69 and Bulet
to Detroit, 5/26/69.

Detroit in referenced airtel enclosed an LHM
reporting results of coverage of a speech made by the subject
at Ypsilanti, Michigan, 4/67. It was noted that the source
of that information advised that he might be able to make
available a tape recording of subject's speech.

The Bureau in referenced Bureau letter requested
Detroit to make efforts to secure such a tape if available
and to handle same for possible evidentiary value.

Source identified in referenced Detroit airtel
has advised that he has been unable to secure a copy of the
tape made in conjunction with subject's appearance reported
in referenced Detroit airtel. Because of technical
difficulties he advised that the recording was not clear
nor trustworthy.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (RM)
- 1 - Detroit

(5)

REC-42 100-442706-97

AUG 21 1969

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-16-92 BY [redacted]



5010-108-01

5 1969

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

F B I

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

Date: 8/8/69

Transmit the following in DATE 7-16-92 REDACTED -b7C
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-3032) (c)

SUBJECT: REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY,
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC), SPEAKER AT
56TH ANNUAL MEETING, NATIONAL
DENTAL ASSOCIATION,
CINCINNATI, OHIO
8/3-7/69
 RM

Remyairtel, 7/30/69.

Attached are 11 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. Copies of this LHM are also being furnished to the three military agencies, U.S. Secret Service, and the USA, Cincinnati.

REDACTED Cincinnati PD, who furnished information to SA REDACTED
REDACTED Cincinnati PD, who furnished information to SA REDACTED

Copies of the LHM are being furnished to listed offices in view of their interest.

- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 11) (RM)
 1 - Atlanta (157-257) (Enc. 1) (RM) (Info.)
 1 - Birmingham (Enc. 1) (Info.) (RM)
 1 - Columbia (Enc. 1) (Info.) (RM)
 2 - Cincinnati

5 AUG 13 1969

AGENCY: AGENT. REDACTED OSI; SEC. SER:

DATE FOR:

HOW FORN:

BY:

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

M

Per _____

SECT:



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cincinnati, Ohio

August 8, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RE: REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY,
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC), SPEAKER AT
56TH ANNUAL MEETING, NATIONAL
DENTAL ASSOCIATION,
CINCINNATI, OHIO
AUGUST 3-7, 1969

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-16-92 BY [REDACTED]

b7c

The July 8, 1969 Cincinnati Enquirer, a local newspaper of general circulation in the Cincinnati area, contained an item that the Reverend Ralph Abernathy, head of the SCLC, will speak at a civil rights luncheon during the 56th annual meeting of the National Dental Association August 3-7, 1969 in Cincinnati.

On July 22, 30 and 31, 1969, [REDACTED] advised that no confirmation had been developed that Reverend Abernathy would speak at the National Dental Association luncheon. On August 4, 1969, [REDACTED] advised that it had been confirmed that Abernathy would be in the city today for a talk at noontime before the National Dental Association at the Hotel Sheraton Gibson. On August 5, 1969, [REDACTED] advised that Reverend Abernathy was leaving the morning of August 5, 1969 for Atlanta from where he was possibly going to Greene County, Alabama or Charleston, South Carolina.

This source stated that after the speech given by Reverend Abernathy before the dentists, Abernathy toured part of the city. He was also in the company of Reverend Otis Moss, Jr. and Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth, who are pastors of local churches in the Cincinnati area and who have been active in civil rights activities.

This source stated that about 9:30 P.M., August 4, 1969, there was a meeting at the Revelation Baptist Church

100-442706-96

ENCLOSURE

RE: REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY,
ET AL

attended by approximately 250 persons. Reverend Bennett gave a report on the local Operation Breadbasket, talking about the success this activity had had at the Hudephol Brewery and the Tastee Bread Company with demands that more Negroes be hired or that the companies be boycotted. Then Reverend Otis Moss introduced Reverend Abernathy who spoke on their slogan "Free At Last" and on unity among the Negro people. Abernathy said the Negro people are not going to take the same stuff or handouts as they have taken in the past; also that they have to rebel peacefully and that the communities must work together. He knocked Cincinnati for lack of progress toward the Negro. He also knocked the middle class Negroes for not helping their black brothers and said there is a lot of work to be done here in Cincinnati. He also commented on the amount spent on the Apollo space program.

This source noted that Willie Thomas of the local Republic of New Africa (RNA) was present with two other individuals in uniform who were attempting to sell RNA literature at the church. *Ohio*

A characterization of the RNA is contained in the appendix of this memorandum.

This same source stated that Reverend Abernathy left for the Greater Cincinnati Airport about 9:30 A.M. where he would take a plane for Atlanta with a possible destination of Greene County, Alabama or Charleston, South Carolina.

Attached are copies of three newspaper clippings covering comments and activities of Reverend Abernathy. One clipping is from the August 4, 1969 Cincinnati Post Times Star, a daily newspaper of general circulation in the Cincinnati area; one from the August 5, 1969 Cincinnati Post Times Star, and one from the August 5, 1969 Cincinnati Enquirer.

Sources who have furnished information in this matter have furnished reliable information in the past.

Abernathy Assails Hunger in Nation

Dr. Ralph Abernathy, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said here today that the SCLC is working on a program to eradicate what he called the nation's number one problem—hunger.

"We are concerned about a nation that will spend \$26 billion to put a man on the moon, but is not willing to spend \$56 to stand a man on his feet on earth," he said.

He said the U. S. government will pay \$13,000 a year to Sen. Eastland of Mississippi not to grow grain on his plantation but won't give \$9 a month to a starving child.

Abernathy spoke at a press conference at the Sheraton Gibson Hotel,

where he is luncheon speaker at the 56th annual convention of the National Dental Assn., a predominantly Negro association. Approximately 2000 dentists, their wives and guests are here for the convention.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Cincinnati Enquirer
Cincinnati, Ohio

6 Cincinnati Post &
Times Star
Cincinnati, Ohio

The Citizen Journal
Columbus, Ohio

Columbus Dispatch
Columbus, Ohio

Dayton Daily News
Dayton, Ohio

Journal Herald
Dayton, Ohio

Date: 8/4/69

Edition: Final

Author:

SOCK IT TO AMERICA

Abernathy Roars Challenge to Plagues

BY JAMES ADAMS

The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy slipped out of his shoes, slumped into a padded chair and began slowly sipping ginger ale.

He had just finished what several of his aides called one of the most eloquent — and longest — speeches of his civil rights career before 2000 dentists, their wives and guests attending the predominantly Negro National Dental Assn. in the Sheraton-Gibson. Now he wanted to unwind with his friends.

A PUGNACIOUS modern-day prophet and abrasive civil rights leader, Mr. Abernathy had held his middle-class audience spell-bound for 90 minutes as he thundered against a wealthy nation which permits the plagues of poverty, hunger and disease to spread unchecked.

"I come as a prophet to prophesy before the NDA," he told his audience, "to tell you what 'thus saith the Lord.'"

"You have a role in this movement more than just practicing dentistry — sometimes your offices must serve as freedom offices and headquarters for planning strategy."

"Some of our white friends are afraid now in this era of black consciousness and black power, and have left us and don't walk with us anymore."

"THE BLACK man must do more to support his own programs for freedom."

"We often forget all about our brothers we have left behind," he told the dentists. "But it may be the death angel will be knocking at my door or your door. As long as your skin is black, they will beat the head of a Ph.D. as they will a D.D. (Doctor of Divinity)."

"We have to get together as black people and white people of good will and sock it to America and do our own thing." The crowd



REV. RALPH ABERNATHY

rose and interrupted his speech with an ovation.

He told his audience that a full stomach and adequate medical and dental care should be a right — not a privilege — of every citizen. He said it was a sin for a nation which has enough to feed two-thirds of the world's population to let its own citizens go hungry.

To those who suggest that the disgruntled Negro go back to Africa, Dr. Abernathy retorted.

"I'VE GOT too much invested in this country. I fought for it during the war. And how in the hell can you go back where you've never been?"

Now, sitting in his hotel room, Dr. Abernathy talked so softly he could scarcely be heard across the room. His pugnacity had turned to gentleness. He good-naturedly accused his friend, the Rev. Otis Moss, of "stealing" his congregation

while preaching last week at his (Abernathy's) West Hunter Street Baptist Church in Atlanta.

Mr. Moss is pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Lockland and president of the Valley Christian Improvement Assn., an affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) which Dr. Abernathy heads.

He talked of political victories in Green County, Ala., where blacks won four of five county commission seats. (He believes political power is more potent than hot summers.) He expressed his disappointment with the Nixon Administration and for its failure to understand the difference between segregation in the South and North. "A black man in the South can't even ask for information at his own courthouse without being insulted," he says. "At least in the North you can find out where the clerk's office is."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Cincinnati Enquirer
Cincinnati, Ohio

4 Cincinnati Post &
Times Star
Cincinnati, Ohio

The Citizen Journal
Columbus, Ohio

Columbus Dispatch
Columbus, Ohio

Dayton Daily News
Dayton, Ohio

Journal Herald
Dayton, Ohio

Date: 8/5/69
Edition: 7-Star Final

AROUND 3:45 P.M., he and Dr. Moss and the Rev. B. W. Smith, pastor of the Lincoln Heights Baptist Church and director of the SCLC Operation Breadbasket, decided to make a quick tour of the city's black communities before dinner and the rally at Revelation Baptist Church where Dr. Abernathy would give his second speech of the day.

In the car, Dr. Abernathy continued talking about the Movement — the black man's struggle for equality — and its shape of the future:

"The black man's contribution to the total community is too great for him to settle for any segment or any part of society. I wouldn't even settle for Texas," he laughed.

"Black separatism is healthy in one sense — my people have to find their own identity — and dangerous in another. I don't think it's necessary — but it's understandable.

"We have to keep the channels open between the races and we have to have more non-violent victories." (He is going to Charleston, S. C. today to celebrate the "victory" there of the wage increase won by non-professional workers in the state hospitals).

DR. MOSS interrupted to explain that the homes in Avondale "were bought by our people after the whites had lived in them 30 or 40 years. Then when the blacks moved in the whites said look how the community has deteriorated."

As we drove into Lincoln Heights with its small homes, Dr. Abernathy commented: "You have poverty in all-black towns just like you have it in white towns."

He made two stops in

Lincoln Heights — at Shepherd land and McIntyre lane where an 88-year-old woman and her three married daughters formerly of Atlanta gathered around him like a long lost friend and began taking pictures.

The second stop was at the Magic Moment tavern. About a dozen men sat around a bar in a dimly-lighted room. "How are you, my brothers?" Dr. Abernathy asked, going from stool to stool shaking hands.

One man, probably in his cups, half-cried, "Pray for me. Pray for me."

"I WILL, my brother. I will," Dr. Abernathy intoned in his ministerial voice.

He also ended up buying a beer for another man.

The party then drove to Dr. Moss' elegant new home in Glendale. The gracious hostess, Mrs. Moss, served dinner by candlelight and Dr. Abernathy reminisced over prime roast beef, baked potatoes and green beans with his colleague, the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth.

Mr. Shuttlesworth, now pastor of the Greater New Light Baptist Church in Avondale, was one of the shock troops of the early Civil Rights movement. He was bombed, beaten and literally blown out of his bed in Birmingham as he tangled with Birmingham's tough police chief, Bull Connor.

"OLD BULL has lost all political power and is now picking cotton," Dr. Abernathy said — almost as if he were a little saddened at the fall of his protagonist.

Dr. Abernathy and Mr. Shuttlesworth talked of the days when their fallen leader — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — was at the helm of the Movement.

"Dr. King never got in a hurry," Mr. Shuttlesworth recalled. "We would miss more planes because he talked too long on the telephone. Then he would say, 'Remember if you miss one plane there is always another one.'"

Dr. Abernathy recalled one of Dr. King's most oft-quoted bits of advice was, "Some day, Ralph, you will learn that brevity is not life's greatest virtue."

THEY TALKED of being gassed by police in churches, of sharing cells, of rallies in remote Mississippi towns — Philadelphia, Canton and others. In the retelling, the incidents always evoked uproarious laughter.

It dawned on me these men were not war veterans swapping combat stories but were ministers talking about risking their lives for rights guaranteed to every man by our Constitution.

Abernathy Urges Dentists To Action

BY BETSY BLISS
Enquirer Reporter

With revival-meeting rhetoric that brought ovations from his audience, Rev. Ralph David Abernathy called Monday on the predominantly black National Dental Association to commit itself to aiding poor and black people.

"Black people who have made their way out of the muddy streams

and are blessed to live in the suburbs, who get a little money and learn to use big words, often forget about their brothers left behind," Abernathy, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, told the dentists.

HE ADDRESSED the civil rights luncheon of the NDA's 56th annual meeting, held through Thursday at the Hotel Sheraton-Gibson.

"You have a role in the movement that is more than just practicing dentistry," he said.

The successor to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. pointed to hunger in the nation and insufficient medical and dental care for millions of poor people despite transplants and other medical advances.

"We stand before America, the richest and most powerful country in the world, and demand a more equal distribution of wealth," he said, calling on the Negro dentists to give support to "freedom programs" and to "make your offices freedom offices."

DESPITE THE Kerner Report, subsequent reports and analyses, "not a single Kerner recommendation has been implemented," Abernathy said.

"I'm getting sick and tired of having documents filling our libraries, collecting dust. We are getting bogged down in a paralysis of analysis.

The SCLC leader paraphrased 17th century English poet John Donne's "No Man is an Island," warning "the rich black man" and "the learned black woman" that the "bell that tolls in the ghetto marks the hour of your burial."

"In this nation, as long as your skin is black, it doesn't matter about your wealth, or the section of city where you live, or the number of degrees you have," Abernathy said.

"We have to get together as black folk and white people of good will and sock it to America."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

13 Cincinnati Enquirer
Cincinnati, Ohio

Cincinnati Post &
Times Star
Cincinnati, Ohio

The Citizen Journal
Columbus, Ohio

Columbus Dispatch
Columbus, Ohio

Dayton Daily News
Dayton, Ohio

Journal Herald
Dayton, Ohio

Date: 8/5/69
Edition: Final



—Enquirer (Fred Straub) Photo

Rev. Abernathy Exhorts Black Dentists

...you have a role in the movement."

APPENDIXREPUBLIC OF NEW AFRICA (RNA)

Confidential source #1 advised the Republic of New Africa (RNA) is a militant Negro separatist organization which was founded March 30-31, 1968, at a Black Government Conference held at the Central United Church of Christ, 7625 Linwood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan (The Shrine of the Black Madonna).

Confidential source #2 advised this conference was sponsored by the Malcolm X Society, an organization utilized by MILTON ROBINSON HENRY (Brother Galdi), an attorney at law from Pontiac, Michigan, who is regarded as one of the leaders of the Black Nationalist movement in the Detroit area; his brother, RICHARD BULLOCK HENRY (Brother Imari), Detroit, Michigan, an employee of the Army Tank Automotive Command, Warren, Michigan, also a Black Nationalist leader and the Reverend ALBERT BUFORD CLEAGE, JR., Pastor of the Central United Church of Christ, Detroit, as a vehicle to promote various Black Nationalist activities.

Confidential source #2 advised the HENRY brothers and CLEAGE adopted the name MALCOLM X for their society since MALCOLM X, also known as MALCOLM X LITTLE, now deceased, was a former leader in the Nation of Islam (NOI), and after his break with the NOI organized the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI) and the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU). MALCOLM X was known nationally as an advocate of black power, and since his assassination February 21, 1965, at New York City, any meeting or organization utilizing this name receives widespread publicity from the news media.

The Malcolm X Society, prior to its dissolution, and incorporation into the RNA, maintained no headquarters, had no formal membership, and did not hold any meetings.

Confidential source #1 advised the purpose of the RNA, which is to be revolutionary in nature, is to make efforts

REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRICA (RNA)

for international recognition with assistance from other black nations of the world. The RNA proposes to make attempts to obtain an island or a plot of land in one of the Southern States, establish a government in exile, petition for a seat in the United Nations, and demand reparations from the United States Government for ancestral slave labor. These reparations are to be \$10,000.00 for every black person in the United States and the States of Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina, which are to be given to the RNA by the United States Government. The officers of the RNA also propose the establishment of a standing armed force, to be known as the Black Legion, which is to be financed through an income tax imposed on willing black persons in the United States.

In the furtherance of the purposes of the RNA, several executive officers have presented the Republic's credentials and an offer to negotiate for reparations to the United States Secretary of State.

ROBERT F. WILLIAMS was elected President of the RNA; MILTON HENRY was elected First Vice-President; BETTY SHABAZZ, widow of the late MALCOLM X, was elected Second Vice-President, and RICHARD HENRY was elected Minister of Information.

On August 28, 1961, a Federal warrant was issued for the arrest of ROBERT F. WILLIAMS, charging him with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution for the crime of kidnapping. Subsequent to the issuance of this warrant, WILLIAMS fled to Cuba where he published a monthly Black Nationalist newsletter entitled "The Crusader." WILLIAMS subsequently moved from Havana, Cuba to Peking, China, where he has continued to publish "The Crusader."

Characterizations of the NOI, MMI, and OAAU are attached hereto.

A P P E N D I X

NATION OF ISLAM

A source advised on May 3, 1968, that the Nation of Islam (NOI) is an All-Negro organization originating in Detroit, Michigan, in the early 1930's. Elijah Muhammad is the leader of the NOI and self-styled "Messenger of Allah" in that he claims Allah (God) selected him to lead the so-called Negro out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation within the United States. Headquarters of the NOI is located at Muhammad's Temple (or Mosque) Number 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Muhammad teaches there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "devils", in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negro, will be destroyed by Allah in an approaching "War of Armageddon," a war between God and the devil.

Officials and members of the NOI, including Muhammad, have refused to comply with provisions of the Selective Service Act, stating that they respect laws of the United States as long as they do not conflict with the laws of the NOI, but do not believe the government should force them to participate in wars from which they have nothing to gain.

In the late 1950's, Muhammad, acting on legal advice, tempered NOI teachings against the white man and the government to avoid possible prosecution; however, basic tenets remain the same. He de-emphasized religious teachings in the NOI and emphasized economic benefits derived by so-called Negroes who join the NOI. Muhammad believed this would create more interest in his programs and, of course, new followers.

MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED (MMI)

The March 13, 1964, edition of "The New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 20 which indicated that MALCOLM X (LITTLE), former national official of the Nation of Islam (NOI) who broke with the NOI on March 8, 1964, publicly announced in New York City on March 12, 1964, that he had formed the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI). The MMI, according to the article, would be a broadly based politically oriented black nationalist movement for Negroes only, financed by voluntary contributions. In this public statement, MALCOLM X urged Negroes to abandon the doctrine of non-violence when it is necessary to defend themselves in the civil rights struggle, and he also suggested that Negroes form rifle clubs to protect their lives and property in time of emergencies in areas where the government is unable or unwilling to protect them.

Incorporation papers of the MMI filed on March 16, 1964, with the Business Section, Clerk of Courts, New York County, New York, New York, reveal that the MMI was incorporated under the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York to work for the imparting of the Islamic Faith and Islamic Religion in accordance with "accepted Islamic principles".

The principal place of worship to be located in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York.

The May 23, 1964, edition of the "New York Amsterdam News", a weekly Negro newspaper published in New York City, contained an article by columnist JAMES BOOKER in which he indicated that he had heard that the visit by MALCOLM X with Muslim leaders during his African tour has changed him to become more religious.

On October 6, 1964, a confidential source advised that the MMI is apparently affiliated with the true orthodox Islamic Religion through its affiliation with the Islamic Foundation (of New York), 1 Riverside Drive, New York City. The only teachings of the MMI are on the Islamic Religion.

This confidential source advised on May 17, 1965, that the headquarters of the MMI are located in Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York,

MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED (MMI)

2

where they were established on March 16, 1964. These headquarters are shared with the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU) which was also headed by MALCOLM X.

MALCOLM X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, while addressing an OAAU rally at the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Street, New York City.

A P P E N D I X

1

ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN UNITY, INC. (OAAU)

On June 28, 1964, Malcolm X Little, founder and leader of the Muslim Mosque, Inc., (MMI), publicly announced the formation of a new, all Negro, militant civil rights action group to be known as the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU), with the rally held by the MMI in the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Streets, New York City.

A printed and published statement of basic OAAU aims read by Malcolm X at this meeting indicates that it shall include "all" people of African descent in the Western Hemisphere, as well as "our" brothers and sisters on the African continent. It is patterned after the "letter and spirit" of the Organization of African Unity established (by African heads of States) and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May, 1963.

A recording of the remarks of Malcolm X at this meeting indicates that the aim of the OAAU is to eliminate differences between Negroes so they can work together for "Human rights," while the initial objective is to "inter-nationalize" the American civil rights movement by taking it to the United Nations. Little condemned the nonviolent civil rights movement and claims that Negroes should be taught to protect themselves, when and if necessary. The OAAU will sponsor a program for Negroes in education, politics, culture, economics and social reform.

Malcolm X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, while addressing an OAAU rally at the Audubon Ballroom, New York City.

On April 13, 1965, a source advised that on March 26, 1965, the OAAU filed a Certificate of Incorporation with the Department of State, State of New York, Albany, New York, and henceforth the organization's true name would be Organization of Afro-American Unity, Incorporated.

On February 28, 1966, a second source advised that the president and head of the OAAU is Ella Collins, a half-sister of the late Malcolm X who resides in the Harlem Section of New York City.

On May 8, 1967, the first source advised that the headquarters of the OAAU is located at 224 West 139th Street, New York, New York, which is the residence of Ella Collins.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS NEITHER RECOMMENDATIONS
NOR CONCLUSIONS OF THE FBI. IT IS THE PROPERTY
OF THE FBI AND IS LOANED TO YOUR AGENCY; IT
AND ITS CONTENTS ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE
YOUR AGENCY.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-16-92 BY [REDACTED]

F B I

Date: 9/9/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-new)
SUBJECT: REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RM

On 9/9/69 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised the United States Congress of Evangelism is being held September 8 through 13, 1969, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, featuring several religious speakers.

He advised the Rev. RALPH D. ABERNATHY, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is scheduled to speak at this Congress at 2:30 p.m. on 9/12/69 at the Minneapolis Auditorium, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

He advised that local authorities at Minneapolis are aware of Rev. ABERNATHY's scheduled appearance and there is no indication of any problems in connection with Rev. ABERNATHY's appearance.

No dissemination of this information is being made as there is not any indication at this time of any problems in connection with Rev. ABERNATHY's appearance.

REC-58

100-442706-99

EX-105

10 SEP 10 1969

2 - Bureau
2 - Atlanta
2 - Minneapolis

(6)
55 SEP 18 1969

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CONFIDENTIAL

Reporting Office ATLANTA	Office of Origin ATLANTA	Date 9/10/69	Investigative Period 9/3 - 9/9/69
Title of Case RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY		Report made by SA [REDACTED] b7c	Typed By: [REDACTED]
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE		Character of Case RM	

SUMMARY

NON-PROSECUTIVE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated May 24, 1969, at Atlanta. **b7c**

Classified by [REDACTED]
Declassify on: OADR
7-16-92

LEADS:**CHICAGO, COLUMBIA, NEW YORK, AND WFO (INFO.):**

Information copies of this report being furnished Chicago, Columbia, New York, and WFO because of subject's frequent presence in territory covered by these offices. **b7c**

ATLANTA DIVISION**AT ATLANTA, GA.**

Will follow and submit pertinent information re subject's activities. **b7c**

Approved [Signature]	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
Copies made: (8) - Bureau (442706) (RM) (Encl. 2) 1 - 111th MIG, Ft. McPherson, Ga. (RM) 1 - NIS, Charleston, S.C. (RM) 1 - USSS, Atlanta, Ga. (RM) 1 - Chicago (RM) (Info.) 1 - Columbia (RM) (Info.) 1 - New York (RM) (Info.) 1 - WFO (RM) (Info.) 3 - Atlanta (157-257)		100-442706-100	REC-21
		22 SEP 15 1969	EX 108

Notations:

CONFIDENTIAL

AGENCY: ACST. OSI; SEC. SER:

79 OCT 3 - 1969

HOW FORN:

BY:

SECT

AT 157-257

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source

[REDACTED]

Location of Information

Instant report

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Atlanta has not conducted active investigation
of subject.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This report has been classified ~~secret~~ because
it utilizes information furnished by [REDACTED] (re STANLEY
LEVISON) and [REDACTED]

- B -
(COVER PAGE)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

b1
b2
b7D

↑

↓

↑

b1
b2
b7D

↓

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the ☐ Security Index or ☒ Agitator Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the ☐ Security Index Card ☒ Agitator Index Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the ☐ Security Index Card ☐ Agitator Index Card are necessary and ☐ Form FD-122 ☐ FD-397 submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
Date photograph was taken _____.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☐ This report is classified See Page B because
(state reason) _____.
7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the ☐ Security Index ☐ Agitator Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. ☒ This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ☐ Security Index ☒ Agitator Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
As President of SCLC and because of influence this organization holds in civil rights field, subject possesses great potential to foment civil disorder by word or action.

- C* -
(COVER PAGE)

10. ☐ Subject's SI card is tabbed ☐ Priority I ☐ Priority II ☐ Priority III.
☐ Subject's activities warrant such tabbing because (state reasons) _____.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

September 10, 1969

CONFIDENTIAL

~~SECRET~~

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☒ may be available through FBI, Atlanta

~~SECRET~~

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service, Atlanta, Georgia (RM)

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SECRET~~

Copy to: 1---111th Military Intelligence Group, Ft. McPherson, Ga. (RM)
1---Naval Investigative Service, Charleston, S.C. (RM)
1---U. S. Secret Service, Atlanta, Ga. (RM)

Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7c
Date: September 10, 1969

Office: Atlanta, Georgia

Field Office File #: 157-257

Bureau File #: 100-442706

Title: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

Character: RACIAL MATTER

Synopsis:

ABERNATHY continues to reside at 690 LaVerne Drive, NW, Atlanta, Ga. He continues to serve as pastor of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, and as President of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), headquartered in Atlanta. SCLC activity set forth indicating ABERNATHY continues to be of interest to individuals having prior CP membership and/or affiliations. Information received [REDACTED] and that in summer of 1969, some officers of SCLC expressed concern ABERNATHY might require assistance from a psychiatrist.

- P -

DETAILS:

Characterizations of individuals and organizations where available are set forth in the Appendix section of this report.

Residence

ABERNATHY, as of September 1, 1969, continued to reside with his wife and family at 690 LaVerne Drive, Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SECRET~~
~~Group I~~

Excluded From
Automatic Downgrading
And Declassification

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~Employment

As of September 1, 1969, ABERNATHY continued to serve as the pastor of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church, 725 Hunter Street, Northwest, Atlanta. He also continued to serve as President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), whose headquarters are located at 334 Auburn Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta.

b2
b7D

Regarding ABERNATHY's position as President, SCLC, the SCLC Executive Board during the organization's twelfth annual convention August 13 through 16, 1969, Charleston, South Carolina, gave a vote of confidence to ABERNATHY continuing as President of SCLC.

b2
b7DActivitiesb7C
b7Db2
b7D

A characterization of STANLEY LEVISON is set forth in the Appendix section of this report.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 157-257

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b2
b7c
b7D

[REDACTED]

A characterization of BAYARD RUSTIN is set forth in the Appendix section of this report.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

A characterization of JACK O'DELL is set forth in the Appendix section of this report.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b2
b7C
b7D

A characterization of CLARENCE JONES is set forth in the Appendix section of this report.

On January 23, 1969, The Atlanta Journal, Daily Atlanta newspaper, on Page 9A of its Blue Streak edition, published an article captioned "ABERNATHY Backs Defender of RAY", by-lined HARMON PERRY. This article referred to a position recently taken by JAMES BEVEL, Director of Nonviolent Education, SCLC, regarding JAMES EARL RAY, accused of killing Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., former President, SCLC. The article quoted ABERNATHY as stating BEVEL was an "outstanding strategist and organizer in the nonviolent movement". He said "I have absolute confidence in his judgement and integrity".

[REDACTED]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 157-257

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On January 27, 1969, STANLEY LEVISON discussed a new SCLC mail appeal with [REDACTED]. LEVISON emphasized to [REDACTED] that this mail appeal should contain a statement regarding the emergence of anti-Semitism, particularly in the New York area. *KU*

*b2
b7C
b7D*

[REDACTED] agreed with LEVISON and said he would bring this matter to the attention of ABERNATHY. *KU*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 157-257

The third paragraph of the above letter read in part as follows:

"---In some urban cities, Anti-Semitism has been employed to pit Negroes against Jews. Anti-Semitism is intolerable and immoral. We will fight it, as we always have -- as contemptable opportunism -- as harmful to black people as to Jews -- because it fosters the poison of racism generally."

b7D

b2 {
b7D

b7C-

On May 2, 1969, STANLEY LEVISON discussed with [REDACTED] SCLC's activities in Charleston, South Carolina. LEVISON strongly recommended that CORETTA SCOTT KING, widow of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., return to Charleston, South Carolina, on behalf of SCLC and also that Congressman JOHN CONYERS from Detroit, Michigan, be requested to appear in Charleston. *Wu*

b2
b7D

On May 6, 1969, ABERNATHY held a press conference in Charleston, South Carolina, at which time he announced that CORETTA SCOTT KING and Congressman CONYERS had been invited to participate in SCLC activity in Charleston on May 11, 1969.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 157-257

On June 4, 1969, STANLEY LEVISON urged SCLC to pursue with renewed vigor its activities in Charleston on behalf of striking hospital workers in that community. *Ku*

b2
b7C
b7D

A characterization of "Freedomways" is set forth in the Appendix section of this report.

STANLEY LEVISON, on July 21, 1968, explained to [redacted] that the SCLC "Research Committee" consisted of himself [redacted] *Ku*

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

A characterization of MIKE HARRINGTON and HARRY WACHTEL is set forth in the Appendix section of this report.

On August 14, 1969, The Atlanta Constitution, daily Atlanta newspaper, published on Page 7A, an article captioned "SCLC Okays Anti-Draft Plan", by-lined PHIL GAILEY. This article referred to a speech on August 13, 1969, by Rev. THOMAS E. KILGORE, described as President of American Baptist Convention (also Parliamentarian of SCLC) from Los Angeles, California. This speech was made at the recently concluded twelfth SCLC annual convention held in Charleston, South Carolina. The article indicated that KILGORE proposed SCLC create a "department for peace" in order that it can give effective draft evasion counselling to young men. The article quoted KILGORE as stating "The war in Vietnam is our number one enemy."

This article also attributed to ABERNATHY approval of KILGORE's proposal and a statement that he would counsel young men to avoid the draft. It quoted ABERNATHY as saying "It's the only way to put an end to the war and violence."

Miscellaneous

62
b7c
b7D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

STANLEY LEVISON and [REDACTED] on May 20, 1969, discussed ABERNATHY [REDACTED] declared ABERNATHY suffered from an inferiority complex which affects his judgement and causes him to make poor decisions. LEVISON said he would endeavor to "straighten" ABERNATHY out. (S)

[REDACTED]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 157-257

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

As of early July, 1969, a number of SELC Executive Staff officers were concerned over the possible status of ABERNATHY's health. Their concern was based upon ABERNATHY's attitude during his recent incarceration in jail in Charleston, South Carolina. While in jail, ABERNATHY indulged in a fast during which he appeared to experience considerable dejection and concluded he would die. As a consequence, he prepared in writing a very detailed plan for his funeral. The SCLC officers questioned whether this action on ABERNATHY's part was a temporary result of his fasting or suggested a more substantial problem. *Wu*

- 9 -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

b2
b7c
b7D

AT 157-257

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

b2
b7c

[REDACTED] on July 8, 1969, discussed with STANLEY LEVISON the emotional status of ABERNATHY. [REDACTED] declared ABERNATHY experienced an emotional problem which was taking the form of "egomania". He said ABERNATHY had been receiving criticism (not specified) from his church [REDACTED]. He said he felt [REDACTED] might be the key to his problems. LEVISON expressed agreement with [REDACTED] observations and said in his opinion ABERNATHY should seek assistance from a psychiatrist to determine if his neuroses were deteriorating to a psychosis. (X)4
[REDACTED]

- 10 -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 157-257

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPENDIX

- 11 -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 157-257

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

A. INDIVIDUALS

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- ☒ Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

Section 552Section 552a☐ (b)(1)☐ (b)(7)(A)☐ (d)(5)☐ (b)(2)☐ (b)(7)(B)☐ (j)(2)☐ (b)(3)☒ (b)(7)(C)☐ (k)(1)☒ (b)(7)(D)☐ (k)(2)☐ (b)(7)(E)☐ (k)(3)☐ (b)(7)(F)☐ (k)(4)☐ (b)(4)☐ (b)(8)☐ (k)(5)☐ (b)(5)☐ (b)(9)☐ (k)(6)☐ (b)(6)☐ (k)(7)

- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- ☐ Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

- ☐ For your information:

- ☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

100-442706-100 page 13

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X DELETED PAGE(S) X
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
X FOR THIS PAGE X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPENDIX

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Labor Youth League has been designated
by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive
Order 10450.

APPENDIX

- 14 -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- ☒ Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

Section 552Section 552a☐ (b)(1)☐ (b)(7)(A)☐ (d)(5)☐ (b)(2)☐ (b)(7)(B)☐ (j)(2)☐ (b)(3)☒ (b)(7)(C)☐ (k)(1)☒ (b)(7)(D)☐ (k)(2)☐ (b)(7)(E)☐ (k)(3)☐ (b)(7)(F)☐ (k)(4)☐ (b)(4)☐ (b)(8)☐ (k)(5)☐ (b)(5)☐ (b)(9)☐ (k)(6)☐ (b)(6)☐ (k)(7)

- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- ☐ Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

☐ For your information:

- ☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

100-442706 - 100 page 15

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X DELETED PAGE(S) X
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
X FOR THIS PAGE X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPENDIX

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS

A confidential source advised on January 21, 1964, that as of that date, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS was National Secretary of the CP, USA.

"The New York Times," August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

APPENDIX

- 16 -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPENDIX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MIKE HARRINGTON

A confidential source advised in June, 1958, that MICHAEL HARRINGTON held the position of National Chairman of the Young Socialist League (YSL).

A characterization of the YSL is attached hereto.

In September, 1958, the same confidential source advised that MICHAEL HARRINGTON was a member of the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL) following the merger of the YSL with the YPSL.

APPENDIX

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

☒ Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

Section 552Section 552a☐ (b)(1)☐ (b)(7)(A)☐ (d)(5)☐ (b)(2)☐ (b)(7)(B)☐ (j)(2)☐ (b)(3)☒ (b)(7)(C)☐ (k)(1)☒ (b)(7)(D)☐ (k)(2)☐ (b)(7)(E)☐ (k)(3)☐ (b)(7)(F)☐ (k)(4)☐ (b)(4)☐ (b)(8)☐ (k)(5)☐ (b)(5)☐ (b)(9)☐ (k)(6)☐ (b)(6)☐ (k)(7)

☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

☐ Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s): _____

☐ For your information: _____

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

100-442706-100 page 18

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 X DELETED PAGE(S) X
 X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
 X FOR THIS PAGE X
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPENDIX

CLARENCE JONES

CLARENCE JONES is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

A confidential source advised on February 26, 1957, that he had identified a photograph of CLARENCE JONES as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of, and in a position of leadership in, the Labor Youth League.

APPENDIX

- 19 -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPENDIX

STANLEY LEVISON

(
61
-)



(c)

APPENDIX

- 20 -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

JACK O'DELL

The Summer, 1968, issue of "Freedomways" lists J.H. O'Dell (Jack O'Dell) as its Associate Managing Editor.

APPENDIX

- 21 -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPENDIX

BAYARD RUSTIN

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

In "The Saturday Evening Post," issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, BAYARD RUSTIN is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights." In it, RUSTIN is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party." Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, RUSTIN gave most of his earnings to the "Party." He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker," February 11, 1957, Page 1, Column 2, reported that BAYARD RUSTIN, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America, (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

(b1) [REDACTED] (c)
[REDACTED] (c)

APPENDIX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPENDIX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

HARRY WACHTEL

67C { HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. [REDACTED]

A confidential source furnished information in December, 1949, that HARRY H. WACHTEL, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on the list of individuals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

61 { [REDACTED] (c)

67C
67D { [REDACTED]

APPENDIX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 157-257

CONFIDENTIAL

B. ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- 24 -

CONFIDENTIAL

AT 157-257

1. Organizations

APPENDIX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1

W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. These delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble of the constitution, are, "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people."

Over the Labor Day weekend, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois, and a new slate of officers was elected to the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the DCA. Since Labor Day, 1965 identities of those serving of the NEC has varied;

APPENDIX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPENDIX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

however, according to a third source as of May, 1966, thirteen of the fifteen members of the NEC were members of the CP in the San Francisco Bay area.

As of May, 1966, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 1830 Fell Street, San Francisco, California.

APPENDIX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPENDIXW. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO DCC~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the National DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

APPENDIX~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPENDIX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

GANDHI SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

APPENDIX

- 28 -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPENDIX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.; contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild:"

1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).
2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91).

APPENDIX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPENDIX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)

A source has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. From an initial ideological posture of "participatory democracy," the current line of the national leadership reveals an adherence to Marxism-Leninism. Michael Klonsky, National Secretary, in March, 1969, called for the building of a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist movement. The program of SDS has moved from involvement in civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war position and finally to its present advocacy of an anti-imperialist line, linking up the oppressed peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America, with the black liberation movement in the United States. China, Vietnam and Cuba are regarded as countries which are leading the world-wide struggles against United States imperialism. On the other hand, SDS regards the Soviet Union as an imperialist power and does not support the policies of that country.

SDS maintains a National Office in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. Its official paper "New Left Notes" reflects the line of the national leadership and program adopted at meetings of the National Council and National Interim Committee (NIC). Three national officers and a NIC of eleven members are elected each year during a June National Convention.

SDS Regional Offices and university and college chapters elect delegates to National Council meetings wherein program and ideology are debated, but each Region and chapter is autonomous in nature and is free to carry out independent policy and programs reflective of local conditions.

APPENDIX

- 30 -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE (YSL)

The March 1, 1954, issue of the "Young Socialist Challenge," published as page three of "Labor Action," an official publication of the Independent Socialist League (ISL), which contained an article concerning the creation of the YSL, which pointed out that at a unity conference occurring February 12-14, 1954, at Labor Action Hall, New York, New York, a merger occurred between the Young Peoples Socialist League (YPSL) and the Socialist Youth League (SYL). The new organization was named the YSL.

b7D

On April 9, 1956, a second confidential source advised as follows:

The YSL has frequently worked in close sympathetic cooperation with the ISL toward similar objectives, although each major issue given mutual consideration is decided upon by these organizations individually. The YSL serves as an apprenticeship for the ISL, but ISL selection of members from YSL ranks is made on an individual and personal basis. In many instances, YSL members are also members of the ISL. The YSL and the ISL utilize the same printing house in New York City and the YSL publication is printed as an insert in "Labor Action". Frequently, lecturers before the YSL are ISL members.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

-30a-

YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE (YSL)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The September 22, 1958, issue of "Young Socialist Challenge," which appeared as page five of "Labor Action," contained an undated statement from the National Action Committee of the YSL which indicated that the YSL had been dissolved. The statement appeared under the caption "Join the Young Peoples Socialist League."

The YPSL is publicly known as the young affiliate of the Socialist Party - Social Democratic Federation.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

AT 157-257

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

b. Publications

- 30c -
- 30a -

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPENDIX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

b7D [REDACTED]

On May 25, 1961, a second source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CP, USA, by JAMES JACKSON.

The second Quarter, 1968, issue of "Freedomways", self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE
ESTHER JACKSON
J. H. O'DELL
JOHN L. DEVINE

Associate Editor
Managing Editor
Associate Managing Editor
Art Editor

"The Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, June 25, 1967, Page 10, contained an article on a memorial to MIKE GOLD held at Town Hall, New York City, the previous Friday night. It said that one of the speakers was JOHN HENRIK CLARKE of "Freedomways".

"The Worker", May 21, 1967, Page 3, contained an article on the death of MIKE GOLD on May 15, 1967, in San Francisco, California. It described him as having been an author and columnist for "The Worker" for 32 years. It noted that he joined the CP "shortly after it was founded and to which he adhered till the day he died".

b7C
b7D [REDACTED]

APPENDIX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SECRET~~

APPENDIX

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC. (CONT'D)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[REDACTED]

b7c
b7D
A fourth source advised on April 16, 1968, that JAMES JACKSON, husband of ESTHER JACKSON, is the Chairman of the International Affairs Department, CP, USA.

[REDACTED]

APPENDIX

- 32* -

~~SECRET~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Atlanta, Georgia

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

September 10, 1969

~~SECRET~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Title Ralph David Abernathy

Character Racial Matter

Reference Atlanta report of SA [REDACTED]
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Routing Slip
FD-4 (Rev. 4-28-67)

Date 9/25/69

To:

☒ Director (100-442706) E 157-257

Att.: Room 806 9 & D M
Title RALPH D. ABERNATHY

☐ SAC _____ RM

☐ ASAC _____

☐ Supv. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

☐ Agent HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-16-92 BY [REDACTED] **b7c**

☐ SE _____ Atlanta report of SA

☐ IC _____

☐ CC _____ RE: 9/10/69; Bureau 0-7,
9/23/69.

☐ Steno _____

☐ Clerk _____ ☐ Rotor #: _____

ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign _____ Reassign _____

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline _____

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Discontinue

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ For information

☐ Handle

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

☐ Search and return

☐ See me

☐ Serial # _____

☐ Post ☐ Recharge ☐ Return

☐ Send to _____

☐ Submit new charge out

☐ Submit report by **b7c**

☐ Type

Attached for Bureau are 8 copies of the characterization of MSL, and for each other recipient, one copy. It is suggested the attached characterization be inserted in rerep as pages 30a and 30b and that existing page 30a be renumbered 30c. One copy of attached characterization is being furnished by separate communication to 111th MIG, Ft.

XXXX See reverse side

ENCLOSURE

FRANK V. HITT
Office Atlanta, Georgia

McPherson, Georgia; NIS, Charleston, S.C.; and
USSS, Atlanta.

out cons 9/30/69
INCONS 827501969

- 1 - Bureau (RM) (Ends. 8)
- 1 - Chicago (RM) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Columbia (RM) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - New York (RM) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - WFO (RM) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Atlanta

INTELL DIV

1 14 PM 1969

(6) *b7c*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

DATE: 9/16/69

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-1654) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Bu airtel to Atlanta and WFO, 7/30/69; WFO airtel to Bureau, 7/31/69.

SE [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the files of the Passport Office, U. S. Department of State and was advised on 9/9/69, that no identifiable record could be located concerning [REDACTED]

In addition, a review of the passport files of the captioned subject [REDACTED] failed to disclose [REDACTED]

In the absence of information to indicate [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] no further checks of the passport files are being conducted in this matter and it is being placed in an RUC status.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-16-92 BY [REDACTED]

REC-5

100-442706-101

EX 106

- ② - Bureau
- 1 - Atlanta (157-257) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - WFO

SEP 17 1969

RACIAL SECT



(4)

25 1969

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- ☒ Deletions were made pursuant to the exemptions indicated below with no segregable material available for release to you.

Section 552Section 552a☒ (b)(1)☐ (b)(7)(A)☐ (d)(5)☐ (b)(2)☐ (b)(7)(B)☐ (j)(2)☐ (b)(3)☒ (b)(7)(C)☐ (k)(1)☐ (b)(7)(D)☐ (k)(2)☐ (b)(7)(E)☐ (k)(3)☐ (b)(7)(F)☐ (k)(4)☐ (b)(4)☐ (b)(8)☐ (k)(5)☐ (b)(5)☐ (b)(9)☐ (k)(6)☐ (b)(6)☐ (k)(7)

☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

☐ Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

 Pages contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

 Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

☐ For your information: _____

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

100-442706-102

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X DELETED PAGE(S) X
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
X FOR THIS PAGE X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-16-98 BY [REDACTED]

FBI

Date: 9/12/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-798)
SUBJECT: REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RM

Re Minneapolis airtel to Bureau, 9/9/69.

On 9/12/69 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised ABERNATHY spoke at U. S. Congress on Evangelism, 3:30 p.m., this date at Minneapolis Auditorium, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Following speech, ABERNATHY held a press conference at Auditorium and is departing Minneapolis on Northwest Airlines Flight 722 at 6:40 p.m., this date en route Atlanta, Georgia.

[REDACTED] advised ABERNATHY arrived Minneapolis evening 9/11/69, stopping overnight at Sheraton Ritz Hotel, Minneapolis, attended luncheon with Reverend BILLY GRAHAM prior to speaking engagement on 9/12/69.

No incidents, arrests, or any problems in connection with ABERNATHY's appearance.

Events concerning ABERNATHY's stay in Minneapolis and synopsis version of his speech will be submitted in LHM suitable for dissemination.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (RM)
- 2 - Minneapolis

(6)

EX-104

REC-139

100-442706-103
22 SEP 15 1969

54 SEP 24 1969

Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

MAIL ROOM SECT.

1 - Mr. M. Jones

1 - [REDACTED]

1 - [REDACTED]

September 19, 1969

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-16-92 BY [REDACTED]

b7c

b7c

Honorable Joel T. Broyhill
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

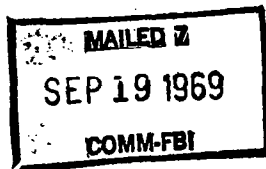
On September 18, 1969, I received your communication enclosing correspondence between you and Congressman Richard H. Ichord regarding a statement by Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

In response to your inquiry, we have furnished voluminous data concerning the activities of Abernathy, including the statement mentioned in the material you furnished, to the Department of Justice for its consideration with regard to violations of Federal law. You may desire to direct your inquiry in this matter to the Attorney General.

I am enclosing the material you furnished with your communication.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



EX-104

REC 82

100-442706-104
b7c

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

Enclosures - 3

b7c

53 004 1969

TELETYPE UNIT ☐

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

b7c

Honorable Joel T. Broyhill
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

NOTE:

b7c
Congressman Broyhill referred to us, at the suggestion of Congressman Ichord of the House Internal Security Committee, an inquiry from a constituent regarding a statement by Abernathy which appeared to be seditious in nature. The constituent is [REDACTED] American Legion, Post 176. The statement endorsed a plan to counsel young men to refuse to be drafted into military service. Congressman Broyhill is not on the mailing list. We have had good relations with him.

House of Representatives, U.S.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
PUBLIC DOCUMENT
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Joe Z. Broghie
M. C.

Respectfully Referred

VIRGINIA.

NINETY-FIRST CONGRESS

RICHARD H. ICHORD, MO., CHAIRMAN

CLAUDE PEPER, FLA.
LEAH W. EDWARDS, LA.
BILLYE D. PIERCE, N.C.
LARRY STOKES, OHIO

JOHN M. ASHEROOK, OHIO
RICHARD L. ROUDSBUSH, IND.
ALBERT W. WATSON, S.C.
WILLIAM J. SCHERLE, IOWA

DONALD G. SANDERS, CHIEF COUNSEL
GLENN E. DAVIS, EDITORIAL DIRECTOR
ALFRED M. NITZEL, COUNSEL
HUBERT M. BONNER, CHIEF INVESTIGATOR
WILLIAM G. SHAW, RESEARCH DIRECTOR

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL SECURITY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

September 15, 1969

Honorable Joel T. Greyhill
2109 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Joel:

You have requested information which would assist you in answering the attached letter and enclosure from your constituent, Kenneth P. Hanson, who has requested that this Committee investigate alleged seditious statements made by Reverend Ralph David Abernathy.

The concern which prompted your constituent's communication is understandable. As you are aware, this Committee, which is presently engaged in a series of investigations and hearings on the subject of revolutionary violence, functions as an arm of the legislative branch of the Government and has no law enforcement powers. In view of the allegation by your constituent that Reverend Abernathy has made statements which appear to be seditious in nature, I would suggest that you may desire to bring this matter to the attention of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who has the responsibility for the enforcement of Federal legislation relating to sedition.

I might add that Federal officers responsible for the enforcement and prosecution under applicable sedition statutes have not brought to my attention any claim that legislation on the subject of sedition is inadequate.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Ichord
Chairman

Enclosure

RHI:aga

100-442706-104

PHONE 451-1769

THE AMERICAN LEGION
SPRINGFIELD POST 176

6538 BACKLICK ROAD
SPRINGFIELD, VA. 22150



25 August 1969

Congressman Joel T. Broyhill
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

The American Legion Post 176 wishes to bring to your attention an article which appeared in the Washington Post on 14 August 1969.

You will note that Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, indorsed a plan for counseling young men to refuse to be drafted into military service. When asked by newsmen if he planned to urge draft resistance, an act that under certain circumstances could be construed as a criminal violation, he replied that he favored preparing them to tell their draft boards "No I will not go."

Since the statements made by Reverend Ralph David Abernathy appear to be seditious in nature, an investigation by the House Internal Security Committee of this individual would seem to be in order.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7/16/92 BY [REDACTED]

Enclosure

100-442706-104
ENCLOSURE

Abernathy Hails Plan To Aid Draft Resisters

By Jack Nelson
Los Angeles Times

CHARLESTON, S.C., Aug. 13 — A plan for counseling young men to refuse to be drafted into military service was endorsed today by the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy and another official of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Mr. Abernathy, SCLC president, emphatically embraced the plan, which calls for creating a draft-resistance counseling service within the civil rights organization.

However, he seemed to be annoyed by persistent questions from newsmen as to whether he planned to urge draft resistance, an act that under certain circumstances could be construed as a criminal violation.

Finally, Mr. Abernathy told newsmen that he favored preparing them to tell their draft boards, "No, I will not go."

The plan was publicly proposed for the first time this afternoon by the Rev. Thomas Kilgore of Los Angeles, SCLC's West Coast director. Addressing the opening session of SCLC's 12th annual convention here, he attacked the nation's "military-industrial complex" and urged that SCLC create a department of peace.

"That department ought to pull together the best minds in this country to do draft counseling to young people who are coming up and are going to be made cannon fodder," he said. "We ought to prepare them when the time comes to say 'no.'"

Mr. Kilgore, 58, a native of Woodruff, S.C., who last May became the first Negro president of the predominantly white American Baptist Convention, also called for "a new peaceful, non-violent mobilization of students against war in this nation."

SCLC convention delegates enthusiastically applauded Mr. Kilgore's antidraft proposals. Later, Mr. Abernathy told the press conference he endorsed the speech "very strongly."

Mr. Kilgore, who opposes James Foreman's black manifesto demanding churches pay millions of dollars in reparations to Negroes, made a proposal of his own for church financial participation in the fight against racism and poverty. He urged that SCLC challenge him, as president of the American Baptist Convention, to seek \$1.2 million from the convention for creating SCLC offices in 12 urban areas, including Baltimore and Washington.

He said this could be the start of a movement that might eventually persuade American churches to provide as much as \$15 million to \$20 million for civil rights and poor people's organizations.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-16-92 BY [REDACTED]
b7c

100-442706-104
ENCLOSURE

FBI WASH DC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

SEP 26 1969

FBI ATLANTA

8:53 AM URGENT 9/26/69

TELETYPE

b7c

TO DIRECTOR (100-442706) AND CHICAGO

FROM ATLANTA 157-257

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-16-93 BY [REDACTED]

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

ALPH D. ABERNATHY. RACIAL MATTER.

b7c

b7c

ADMINISTRATIVE

REC-139

EX - 117

100-442706-105

SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

INFORMATION

FROM WHOM IS CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL.

END

17 OCT 1 1969

CAH

5800

FBI WASH DC

b7c

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/3/69

FROM : [REDACTED], MINNEAPOLIS (157-798) (C)

SUBJECT: REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RM

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 7-14-92 BY 334 459

Re Minneapolis airtels to the Bureau dated 9/9/69
and 9/12/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Atlanta are eleven
copies and one copy respectively of an LHM concerning
captioned individual.

One copy of this letter and enclosed LHM is being
sent to Atlanta for information, inasmuch as captioned
individual resides in the Atlanta Division.

Instant LHM is not being disseminated locally,
inasmuch as there were no incidents, arrests, or problems
in connection with Reverend Abernathy's appearance at
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ACTION: [REDACTED] ISO, CRN, RAO TDI

DATE: 10/10/69

FOR: [REDACTED]

BY: [REDACTED]

1cc [REDACTED] 442706-106

b7c

REC 25

100-442706-106

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
- 1 - Atlanta (Info) (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Minneapolis

(4) [REDACTED] b7c

3 OCT 6 1969

5 OCT 13 1969



5010-108-02

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

October 3, 1969

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-16-92 BY [redacted]
334,459

REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY

On September 9, 1969, [redacted]

[redacted] advised the U. S. Congress on Evangelism was being held September 8-13, 1969, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, featuring several religious speakers.

[redacted] advised the Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was scheduled to speak at this Congress at 2:30 p.m. on September 12, 1969, at the Minneapolis Auditorium, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

[redacted] advised that local authorities here in Minneapolis were aware of Reverend Abernathy's scheduled appearance, and there was no indication of any problems in connection with his appearance.

On September 12, 1969, [redacted] advised that Reverend Abernathy arrived in Minneapolis the evening of September 11, 1969, stopping overnight at the Sheraton Ritz Hotel, Minneapolis, and that he attended a luncheon with Reverend Billy Graham on September 12, 1969, prior to his scheduled speaking engagement.

[redacted] advised Reverend Abernathy spoke at the U. S. Congress on Evangelism at 3:30 p.m., September 12, 1969, at the Minneapolis Auditorium, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He advised that following the speech, Reverend Abernathy held a press conference in the Auditorium and departed Minneapolis on Northwest Airlines Flight 722 at 6:40 p.m., September 12, 1969, en route to Atlanta, Georgia.

He advised there were no incidents, arrests, or any problems in connection with Reverend Abernathy's appearance at Minneapolis.

COPIES DESTROYED

286 JAN 5 1971

100-442706
ENCLOSURE

REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY

A newspaper article dated September 13, 1969, appearing in the "Minneapolis Star", a newspaper of general circulation in Minnesota, published daily at Minneapolis, Minnesota, is set forth in part as follows:

The Reverend Dr. Ralph Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Atlanta, Georgia, addressed the U. S. Congress on Evangelism in Minneapolis on September 12, 1969. In this article Dr. Abernathy criticized the church for allowing slavery in this land for 240 years and said "If the church had been the church, Hitler never would have exterminated six million Jews." He urged the Congress participants to work for a better distribution of the nation's wealth, indicating that 90 per cent of the wealth is controlled by only 10 per cent of the population. He also challenged the Congress participants to work for the end of the "godless and senseless" war in Vietnam and to work for the admission of Communist China to the United Nations "so the problems of the world can be solved around the conference table."

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.